

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4300
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2014
BUNGLINGS IRREGULARITIES IN HIS
Sonker Smt. Neelam

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of bunglings and irregularities have been detected in the Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) being implemented for the welfare of weavers;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and the action taken by the Government;
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government to handloom industry for the welfare of weavers during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government provides yarn under the Scheme (Mill Gate Price Scheme) being implemented for the welfare of weavers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to strengthen and ensure the effectiveness of this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): No established cases of bungling and irregularities have been reported. However, complaints of delay in settlement of claims and requirement of more hospitals etc. are received from time to time. The service provider addresses these complaints directly and under intimation to this office.

(c): Under Health Insurance Scheme funds are released directly to the implementing agency for enrolment of handloom weavers. State-wise funds are not released. Details of funds released to the implementing agency during last three years and current year is as under:-

Year Amount (Rs. in crore)	
2011-12	57.64
2012-13	109.64
2013-14	49.21
2014-15	13.12
(upto 26.11.2014)	

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Government of India is implementing Yarn Supply scheme throughout the country to make available all type of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom weavers so as to facilitate regular supply of basic raw materials to the handloom sector and help oolen the full employ- ment potential of the sector. The scheme is being implemented through National Handloom Development Corporation, Lucknow, a Government of India Under- taking. Under the scheme freight is reimbursed and depot operating charges @ 2% is given to depot oper- ating agencies. 788 such yarn depots have been functioning throughout the country. Further, to provide the subsidized yarn only to handloom weavers in order to compete with powerloom and mill sector, a component of 10% price subsidy on hank yarn also exist under which 10% subsidy is applicable on Cotton, domestic silk and oolen yarn with quantity limitation. As a new gesture under the scheme, NHDC has opened 10 yarn depots-cum-warehouses in 12th plan so as to ensure timely supplies to the users on cash basis, besides taking care of individual weavers who need yarn in small quantity. Location of these warehouses are Sitapur & Moradabad (U.P.), Guwahati (Assam), Samudragarh (West Bengal), Kannur (Kerala), Chirala & Karimnagar (Andhra Pradesh), Agartala (Tripura), Bhubaneswar (Odisha) and Ranchi/Godda (Jharkhand). All these warehouses have become functional.