

Title: Need to chalk out concrete schemes for the welfare of carpetweavers in the country particularly in Aurangabad Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.

SHRIMATI SHYAMA SINGH (AURANGABAD, BIHAR): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the deplorable condition of carpet weavers in the country particularly carpet weavers in Obra block of Aurangabad parliamentary constituency.

There are thousands of carpet weavers alone in Aurangabad parliamentary constituency. For the last several years, they are facing financial as well as other difficulties. Neither the State Government nor any financial institution is extending any kind of financial help to such carpet weavers. The carpet weavers are facing problems and shortage of raw materials and availability thereof at subsidised rates. It has now become impossible for them to survive. There is an urgent need that the Union Government should chalk out some concrete schemes for the welfare and financial help of carpet weavers throughout the country and particularly for carpet weavers in Aurangabad parliamentary constituency. The Union Government should also direct public sector banks to extend them loans, etc., at a nominal rate of interest for their survival.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to take remedial steps to save the carpet industry.
