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Title: Need to take immediate steps to protect the traditional Handloom Industry functioning in the co-operative sector in Kerala .

*SHRIMATI P. SATHEEDEVI (BADAGARA): There are about 755 primary Cooperative-Handloom Societies functioning in Kerala, which provide job facility to thousands of workers majority of them being poor women. The functioning of these societies is very badly affected due to financial crisis. So emergent debt relief measures should be implemented by writing off the debt of these societies. Further, rebate should be provided in all festival seasons including Onam, Ramzan, Vishu, Deepawali and Christmas. Measures should also be taken to promote export of handloom products through strict procedure of affixing handloom seal to the goods exported. Traditional types of yarns should be made available to the spinning mills of Kerala in order to protect this traditional industry.

* Treated as laid on the Table.