

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

RAJYA SABHA

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ANSWERED ON

WEAVERS COMMITTING SUICIDE IN ANDHRA PRADESH .

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Shri Nandi Yellaiah

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that hundreds of weavers have committed suicide in Andhra Pradesh and a large number of weavers' families have migrated to neighbouring States due to the paucity of work and slump in wages in powerloom sector; and

(b) if so, the details of the efforts made or to be made by the Ministry to salvage the poor weavers of the State under various schemes and results thereof separately, district-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

(SMT. PANABAANKA LAKSHMI)

(a): There are reports of suicide and migration of powerloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh during the last decade. But the number of suicides has come down drastically during 2009 and 2010. As per information furnished by the State Government, no weavers family is migrating to other states due to availability of sufficient work/wages.

(b): Government of India is implementing various welfare schemes viz, Group Insurance Scheme, Group Workshed Scheme, Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Cluster Development throughout India, including Andhra Pradesh for development of the powerloom sector.