

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

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ANSWERED ON

. SUICIDE BY HANDLOOM WEAVERS. .

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Will the Minister of POWER, TOURISM AND CULTURE, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS, ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, RAILWAYS, TEXTILES be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of handloom weavers committed suicide during the last two years owing to problems in their occupation;
- (b) the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the details of new progressive scheme proposed to be introduced by Government to arrive at a solution to the problems of handloom weavers in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Reports about suicides during the last two years are with regard to powerloom weavers in and around Sircilla in Karimnagar District of Andhra Pradesh. No information/reports have been received from any State Governments regarding suicide by handloom weavers in the last two years.

(c) There is no proposal to introduce any new scheme. However for the development of the Handloom sector and the welfare of its weavers, the Government of India is implementing the following Schemes:-

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing.
3. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
4. Health Package Scheme.
5. Thrift Fund Scheme. 6. Group Insurance Scheme
- 7 New Insurance Scheme for Handloom weavers.

These schemes provide assistance for all the activities and processes involved in the production and marketing of handloom cloth, as well as make provision for the welfare of weavers.