

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2017

EDUCATION TO WEAVERS

1178. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the courses designed for education to weavers and their children;
- (b) the details of the funds earmarked and released for the purpose during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the other measures taken to cater to the needs of families of the weavers?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति ज़ुबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): To empower the weavers by enabling them and their families for career progression, Ministry of Textiles has signed Memorandums of Understanding with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). IGNOU offers continuing education programs through accessible and flexible learning opportunities relevant to the aspirations of handloom weavers and their children for career progression. NIOS offers Secondary and Senior Secondary level education. In the MOUs, there is provision for designing courses exclusively for the handloom weavers and their children. MOUs have been signed in August, 2016.

(c): To improve the earning of handloom weavers and sustainable development of handloom sector, the following schemes are under implementation during 12th Plan:-

- (i) National Handloom Development Programme
- (ii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
- (iii) Yarn Supply Scheme
- (iv) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.
