

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2482  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2017

HANDLOOM INDUSTRY

2482. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the country has the potential of becoming the largest handloom industry of the world;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether handloom industry generates maximum employment opportunities after agriculture sector as this industry is labour intensive and if so, the facts thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has identified the reasons for decline in the said industry during the last two years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

**(a) to (c):** Yes, Madam. As per 3<sup>rd</sup> All India Handloom Census (2009-10), there are 43.31 lakh handloom weavers and allied workers across the country.

**(d) & (e):** Year-wise production of handloom fabric is as under:-

Year	Handloom Cloth Production (million sq. meters)
2014-15	7203
2015-16	7638

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