

**SUPPORT TO TRADITIONAL HANDLOOM WEAVING**

4427. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether her Ministry is aware that the towns of Kancheepuram, Gudiyattam, Arni and Pochampalli are traditionally known for handloom weaving employing hundreds of thousands of skilled workmen who have been involved in the art for generations and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether her Ministry presents awards to skilled handloom workers in Kancheepuram and Gudiyattam and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether her Ministry has any proposal to conduct an International Expo showcasing the handloom wear and materials manufactured in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal pending with her Ministry to organize an exhibition for the benefit of the manufacturers of lungies in Gudiyattam and Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu in order to enable them to export their goods to the South Asian and South East Asian countries where they are in high demand and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

**(a):** According to the third handloom census 2009-10, there are 3,52,321 handloom weavers and allied workers in Tamil Nadu including towns of Kancheepuram, Gudiyattam, Arni and Pochampalli.

**(b):** The awards are given yearly on merit after three tier selection process on national basis. Details are as follows:-

S. No.	Name of award	Total number of awards			Grand Total	
		Category	General	Exclusively for women		Total
1.	Sant Kabir Award (SKA)	Weaving	10	02	12	12
2.	National Award (NA)	Weaving	20	04	24	32
		Design Development for promotion of handloom products	03	-	03	
		Marketing of handloom products	05	-	05	
3.	National Merit Certificate (NMC)	Weaving	20	04	24	40
		Design Development for promotion of handloom products	06	-	06	
		Marketing of handloom products	10	-	10	
Total					84	

**((c) & (d):** Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), is participating in international fairs every year in major international markets viz. Germany, France, USA, Japan, Australia, China, Malaysia, etc., showcasing handloom products manufactured in India including Tamil Nadu.