

CONDITION OF WEAVERS OF CHIRALA SILK SAREES

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

- (a) whether her Ministry is aware of the pathetic condition of weavers of Chirala Silk Sarees and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry on the demand of weavers for getting Geographical Indication tag to Chirala Silk Sarees which will help them compete better and survive in the era of globalization;
- (c) whether any consultations have been held in this regard with the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) If so, the outcome thereof?

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ANSWER

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(a) The Govt. of India is aware of the problems of Chirala silk weavers. The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing various handloom schemes for development of handlooms and welfare of weavers across the country, including Chirala. As announced in the Budget 2012-13, mega handloom cluster covering Prakasam and Guntur districts has been taken up with GoI investment upto Rs. 70.00 cr. As per the proposals received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, so far an amount of Rs. 24.57 cr. has been released for 31 Block level clusters for implementation of various interventions like skill up-gradation, product development, purchase of looms/accessories, engagement of designers etc. This includes 4 clusters in Chirala Block in Prakasam Distt. & an amount of Rs. 3.18 cr. covering 2957 weaver been released.

Besides, Govt. of India, Ministry of Textiles has taken following steps:

- (i) Dyeing Unit has been set up in Chirala cluster.
- (ii) 3 Computer Aided Textile Design (CATD) Systems have been set up in Chirala cluster.

Further, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is also implementing their following Schemes in Prakasam Distt., including Chirala:

1. Interest Rebate Scheme
2. 20% subsidy on purchase of Raw Material i.e. hank yarn, Dyes & Chemicals
3. Thrift Fund Scheme
4. Scheme for training and infrastructural support to Handlooms Sector
5. Geographical Indication Tag

(b) No proposal/demand has been received from the weavers of Chirala for getting Geographical Indication Tag to Chirala Silk Saree.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.