

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3906  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

IRREGULARITIES IN HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

3906. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

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

- (a) whether cases of bungling and irregularities have come to the notice of the Government under the Health Insurance Scheme for weavers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of financial assistance provided for welfare of weaversto the handloom industry by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to Strengthen and make the Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS) more effective for supplying yarn to the weavers?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

**(a) to (b):** Health Insurance Scheme was implemented by Ministry of Textiles till 30.09.2014 to provide health care facility to handloom weavers. The healthcare facility was provided through a Health Insurance Company which was selected by open tender procedure. Only the annual premium was paid to the Health Insurance Company as per the actual enrollment done. The health insurance claims submitted by the weavers were paid directly by Health Insurance Company.No irregularityin utilizing the Government of India fundswere noticed in the implementation of the scheme.

**(c):** Government of India is implementing the Handloom Weaver Comprehensive Welfare Scheme for the welfare of weavers.The funds are not releasedState-wise. However, year-wise funds releasedto the implementing agencies during the last three years and current financial yearacross the country is as under:-

Financial Year	Funds Released (Rs. in crore)
2015-16	18.61
2016-17	26.56
2017-18	25.00
2018-19 (upto July 2018)	01.62

**(d):** More yarn warehouses and yarn depots are being opened to strengthen the supply of yarn to weavers.Camps are being organized in the handloom clusters to increase the awareness amongst the weavers about the benefits of Yarn Supply Scheme, arrange training for using e-Dhaga app, issuance of Yarn Pass Books, placing of indents by weavers for yarn supply and distribution of subsidized yarn against indents.

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