LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 457 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

MINIMUM EARNING OF HANDLOOM WORKERS

457 SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

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

- a) the latest data on minimum wage or earnings of handloom workers earned per day, State-wise;
- b) whether the Government has taken measures to improve access to credit for handloom weavers and handloom companies; and
- c) 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): Handloom weaving, being mainly a household activity, does not appear in the schedule of Minimum Wages Act. According to the third handloom census 2009-10, average earning of handloom households State- wise is enclosed in Annexure I.
- **(b) & (c):** To improve the access to credit for handloom weavers, Concessional Credit/ Weavers MUDRA Scheme under National Handloom Development Proramme (NHDP) is being implemented. Under the scheme, loans are provided at concessional interest rate of 6% for a period of three years. Margin money assistance @ 20% of loan amount subject to a maximum of Rs.10,000/- per weaver and credit guarantee for a period of three years is also provided.

Annexure 1

Average Earning of Handloom Households (Rs./Annum, 2009-10)

State	All Households	Weaver	Allied
2 3 3 3 3		Households	Households
Andhra Pradesh	28,305	30,054	22,975
Arunachal Pradesh	57,232	58,761	56,623
Assam	40,343	40,595	36,654
Bihar	23,903	24,810	23,211
Chhattisgarh	16,959	17,240	15,557
Delhi	39,697	44,204	29,685
Gujarat	37,289	36,979	38,936
Haryana	40,896	40,877	40,999
Himachal Pradesh	26,539	28,050	17,278
J&K	43,285	36,619	47,504
Jharkhand	17,967	19,452	15,650
Karnataka	24,897	25,933	21,400
Kerala	39,991	41,198	34,496
Madhya Pradesh	29,543	31,208	26,346
Maharashtra	38,366	38,603	37,529
Manipur	56,261	56,188	64,486
Meghalaya	39,418	40,024	33,094
Mizoram	43,973	44,079	36,569
Nagaland	57,208	56,963	57,352
Orissa	29,782	30,313	27,623
Puducherry	24,327	24,624	22,872
Punjab	10,701	11,098	10,492
Rajasthan	43,921	42,077	44,643
Sikkim	34,235	34,160	21,714
Tamil Nadu	24,181	24,707	20,841
Tripura	38,299	38,450	32,902
Uttar Pradesh	22,547	23,218	20,347
Uttrakhand	18,433	16,153	20,729
West Bengal	26,571	26,934	26,588
All India Average	36,498	37,704	29,300
