## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2357 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

## HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS

## 2357. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding introduction of health insurance scheme exclusively for handloom weavers in the States including Telangana and AP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries identified and action taken thereon, district-wise since 2014 onwards; and
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned/spent till date and if not, the reasons therefor?

## उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India has not received any proposal regarding introduction of health insurance scheme exclusively for handloom weavers in the States including Telangana and AP States. However, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India has implemented Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) on the pattern of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) upto March 2018 for handloom weavers/workers across the country. The RSBY was implemented by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) for all workers. With the launch of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) on 23.09.2018, RSBY has been subsumed in it. During 2014-15 to 2018-19, Rs.54.55 crore (including committed liabilities) was released to cover 23,08,781 beneficiaries across the country under Health Insurance Scheme.

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