GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 958**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018

IMPACT OF GST ON HANDLOOM WEAVERS

958 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

1. whether it is a fact that the handloom industry is badly hit due to the introduction of GST on handlooms and raw materials;
2. if so, the details thereof;

1. what is the rationale behind not providing price advantage and tax relief to the 4.3 million handloom weavers by the Government and keeping them at the same pedestal as powerlooms; and
2. whether Government is considering relieving weavers from paying Goods and Services Tax(GST) on raw material, implement and finished products?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

**(a) to (d):** GST has been introduced by the Government of India to rationalise multiple taxes on goods & services and to bring transparency in the taxation system. Accordingly, it is applicable to the Textile sectors also, including handlooms. Turnover of most of the weavers does not exceed Rs. 20 Lakh and hence exempted from registration under GST. GST is implemented through an Act of Parliament with States as equal partners in GST Council with Government of India.

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