

Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985

The Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 dated 29.3.1985 was enacted by Govt. of India with a view to protect the livelihood of millions of Handloom weavers and rich cultural heritage of Indian Handloom industry from encroachment of the powerloom and Mill Sector.

Under the Act initially **22 textile articles** were reserved for exclusive production by Handlooms vide S.O. 459 (E) dt. 04.08.1986.

Subsequently based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, these were reduced to **11 articles** vide Reservation Order Notification No. S.O. 557(E) dated 26.7.96

Powerlooms/Mill Sector are prevented from production of these items

(further amended vide notification No. S.O. 2160 (E) dated 03.09.2008 with elaborate definitions.)

Class of 11 Textile Articles currently

Reserved under Handloom Reservation Order

- 1) Saree,
- 2) Dhoti,
- 3) Towel, Gamcha and Angawastram,
- 4) Lungi,
- 5) Khes, Bedsheet, Bedcover, Counterpane, Furnishing (Incl. tapestry, upholstery),
- 6) Jamakkalam Durry or Durret
- 7) Dress Material,
- 8) Barrack Blankets, Kambal or Kamblies,
- 9) Shawl, Loi Muffler, Pankhi etc.,
- 10) Woollen Tweed,
- 11) Chadar, Mekhala/Phanek.

Physical achievement and Progress of powerloom inspections for three years

S. No	Year	Implementing Agencies					
		Enforcement Wing		State Governments		Weavers Service Centers	
		Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved
1.	2006-07	40,792	43,161	1,47,505	1,57,562	12,652	14,522
2.	2007-08	42,840	43,678	1,53,200	1,88,634	13,250	17,150
3.	2008-09	44,125	49,183	1,57,799	1,71,083	13,651	16,845
4	2009-10	49,200	38,383	1,62,600	96,799	17,240	12,468

Central Assistance to State Governments for setting up State Enforcement Machinery

Eligibility:-

States having 5000 or more powerloom for one HQ office.

Additional subsidiary offices are provided for every additional concentration of 20000 looms.

Central Assistance given to meet expenses on Salary, TA/DA, OE and one time Assistance for vehicle

Central Assistance to State Governments for setting-up State Enforcement Machinery

Eligibility:- States & UTs

One HQ office with 5000 or more powerlooms
@ Rs.15.43 lakhs/yr

One Subsidiary office for every additional
20000 powerlooms @ Rs. 19.67lakhs/yr

Central Assistance given to meet expenses on
Salary, TA/DA, OE etc. and Rs. 3.00 lakh as
one time Assistance for vehicle

Central Assistance released during last three years to State implementing agencies

Sl. No.	Govt. of	Year (Rs. In Lakhs)			
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11.09	71.90	17.72	0
2.	West Bengal	-	11.58	11.40	0
3.	Gujarat	-	-	56.70	57.82
4.	Rajasthan	-	-	28.74	0
5.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	11.73	0
6.	Haryana	-	28.00	-	16.10
7.	Tamil Nadu	78.91	38.52	23.71	132.78
Total Exp.		90.00	150.00	150.00	206.70
Budget		90.00	150.00	150.00	350.00