RECOMENDATIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE ISSUE OF AMENDMENT OF DEFINITION OF “HANDLOOM” UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HANDLOOMS (RESERVATION OF ARTICLE FOR PRODUCTION) ACT, 1985

The Sub-Committee has deliberated and analysed the concerning of the issue of amendment of definition of “Handloom” and made recommendations as per following:

(i) The unorganised & decentralised household powerloom weavers having maximum four powerlooms in the household and powerloom having motor power upto one H.P. may be categorized into a separate group and the weavers of this category may be given priority under the existing powerloom schemes. The schemes under implementation for powerloom sector offer the similar facilities/concessions being extended to handloom weavers.

(ii) Powerloom mark may be introduced to give a brand value to powerloom products so that weavers are not tempted to trade under disguise of handloom products. This will also ensure that consumers get genuine products.

(iii) Since the powerloom units required larger working capital and term loan, a scheme for making concessional credit to this category of powerloom weavers may be introduced.