

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.