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Dated: 23 June, 2015.

Dear Sir Kumar

As you are aware that in order to protect the interests of handloom weavers and rich cultural heritage of the country, the Government of India enacted the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production Act), 1985. Presently, 11 items are reserved for exclusive production on handlooms under the Act. These items are:-

1. Saree, 2. Dhoti, 3. Towel, Gamcha and Angawastaram, 4 Lungi, 5 Khes, Bedsheet, Bedcover; Counterpane, Furnishing (including 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 Chaddar, Mekhala/Phanek.

2. Important and famous traditional handloom products have also been registered under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. A large number of these GI registered products are also from the categories of items reserved for exclusive production on handlooms through reservation orders issued under the Act, 1985. A list of such handloom products covered under the Act 1985 as well as registered under GI Act of your State is enclosed.

3. You would agree that while enforcement of reservation orders should cover all the items notified, special efforts need be made to provide complete protection to such GI registered handloom products from unauthorized production on powerlooms as these are priceless cultural heritage of India.

4. Every year targets for powerloom inspections are fixed by the Central Government and circulated to the State Governments and other implementing agencies for implementation of the provisions of the Act. State Governments are the implementing agencies and are empowered to implement the Act in letter and spirit. The Central Government also provides financial assistance to States for setting up of enforcement machinery. Every officer enforcing the provisions of the Act, is required to maintain a register called "case diary". The case diary should contain narrative report in chronological order of events with all details. The data on physical and financial progress on target and achievements is also required to be maintained. The monthly progress report on the number of powerlooms inspected, cases booked, FIRs lodged, complaint cases filed, dismissed, convictions made by the court etc., is required to be sent to the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms).

5. The progress of powerloom inspection is monitored by Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) through the reports furnished by the State Governments and other agencies. From perusal of inspection reports of the State Governments, it is observed that most of the State Governments are not furnishing inspection reports regularly i.e. on monthly basis. It has also been noticed that follow up action in cases of violations in terms of lodging FIR and prosecution is being reported only from some States. Therefore, effective follow up action is required in matters of violation so that the intent of the Parliament behind enactment of the Act is achieved.

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6. I, therefore, request you to kindly review and monitor the implementation of the provisions of the Act regularly in your State to protect the interests of the handloom weavers and rich cultural heritage of the country from the encroachment of the powerloom and mill sector, and ensure that reports are submitted monthly.

7. Special attention should be paid to complaints where a GI registered handloom product is involved. I would request that this aspect may be specifically taken up in the review meetings at your level.

Encl: As above.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

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To,
Shri Abhay Kumar,
Director/Commissioner,
Department of Handlooms/Textiles/Industries
Government of Rajasthan

List of Fabrics registered under G.I Act

Rajasthan

Sl.No	Product	GI Application No	State
1.	Kota Doria	12	Rajasthan