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HANDLOOM CLUSTER SCHEME

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate the handloom cluster scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the area for setting up handloom clusters in various States of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India proposes to take up a new scheme titled 'Integrated Handloom Cluster Scheme'. The scheme inter-alia envisages to provide assistance in a comprehensive and coordinated manner towards setting up of infrastructure, upgradation of technology, supply of raw material, design inputs, marketing support etc. The scheme is at the stage of formulation and has to be approved by the competent authorities.

(c) & (d) The areas for setting up of handloom clusters in various States will be identified in consultation with the State Governments. It would, therefore, not be possible at present to identify the areas for setting up of handloom clusters in various States of the Country. However, a diagnostic study is being undertaken through Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India(EDI), Gandhinagar (Gujarat) in five selected districts viz. Banaras in Uttar Pradesh, Madhavaram of Cuddappa district in Andhra Pradesh, Kurunchipadi in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu, Sonepur district of Orissa and Bijoinagar of Assam.