

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PACKAGE FOR POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has introduced a powerloom package during the year 2003-04 to enlarge the existing technology upgradation fund scheme;
- (b) If so, the funds given to the powerloom sector for modernisation of powerloom under the said package;
- (c) The benefits given to the workers of powerloom sector under the new group workshed scheme; and
- (d) The steps taken by the Union Government with the collaboration of States to create better working environment and obtain higher productivity?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) Under the 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Rs.16.09 crores has been disbursed to 326 cases upto 15th November 2005.
- (c) The Government has already announced Group Workshed Scheme for the decentralised powerloom sector, under current Five Year Plan, which aims at setting up of powerloom parks with modern weaving machinery to enhance their competitiveness in the global market as well as to provide better working environment etc.
- (d) Efforts have been made to make the schemes popular, and therefore, powerloom weaving parks are coming up in different locations/powerloom clusters of the country. The programme for awareness about the schemes have been organised with the association of State authorities. State Government have been written about the assistance required under the scheme.