

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF POWERLOOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop and modernise the powerloom sector during Eleventh Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and fund earmarked therefor;
- (c) the scheme proposed to be implemented under the modernisation and the development of powerloom sector in the above plan period; and
- (d) the additional cloth likely to be produced thereby?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) The working group on Textiles and Jute Industry for the XIth five year plan has recommended that the ongoing schemes continue. The total outlay for the Plan will be finalized in consultation with the designated agencies.
- (c) The Schemes /programmes recommended by the Working Group for XIth plan are Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Development Scheme for the powerlooms sector which includes the Modernised Workshed Scheme, Market Development Assistance & Exposure Visits, a survey of the powerloom sector, Cluster Development Activities, the setting up of the new Computer Aided Design Centres (CADC) & Powerloom Service Centres (PSCs), and the continuation of existing schemes like Modernisation and Upgradation of PSCs, CADC and the Group Insurance Scheme (GIS) for powerloom workers.
- (d) It has been estimated that the sector will produce an incremental 25 billion square meters of fabric by 2011-12.