

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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CLOSURE OF POWERLOOM UNITS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage share of United States in the exports of the powerloom sector from the country;
- (b) whether a large number of powerloom units closed down due to recession in the United States market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of units that closed during the last one year and the current year till date, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is exploring new markets to meet this decline;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the strategy chalked out to engage new markets;and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government for the development and promotion of Powerloom sector?

Answer

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

(a) The percentage share of United States in the exports of the powerloom sector from the country can not be indicated since the international data is not maintained on the basis of technology. The ITC HS classification system, of which India is a signatory, is based on commodities. However, the total share of exports of textiles & clothing from India in the United States was 26.65% in 2005-06.

(b) No such incident has been reported.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

(f) Following schemes have been introduced for promotion, development and modernization of powerloom sector in the country: -

1. Integrated scheme for powerloom sector development having components of

(i) Marketing Development Programme;

(ii) Exposure visit of powerloom weavers to other cluster;

(iii) Survey of powerlooms

(iv) Powerloom cluster development;

(v) Development and upgradation of skills.

2. Modified Group Work Shed Scheme.

3. Group Insurance Scheme.

Further powerloom sector is also eligible for support under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme.