

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HANDLOOM CLUSTERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handloom clusters set up in the country at present particularly in Gujarat, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified new locations for setting up new handloom clusters in the country during the Eleventh Plan Period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (d) the fund allocated, released and spent for setting up and development of handloom clusters during each year of Tenth Plan, State-wise and cluster-wise; and
- (e) the present financial condition of these clusters, State-wise and cluster-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): Statement showing number of handloom clusters sanctioned in the country so far, including Gujarat State is at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c): The location of new handloom clusters will be identified by the Implementing Agencies. During 2007-08, 251 clusters have been sanctioned under the Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme. These clusters have been included in the list of 251 clusters as given in Annexure-I.
- (d): Statement showing cluster-wise funds released and expenditure incurred for comprehensive development of 20 handloom clusters sanctioned during the X Plan is at Annexure-II.
- (e): Achievements of 20 handloom clusters are at Annexure-III.