

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1230
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HANDLOOM CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether handloom clusters have been developed in West Bengal and Sikkim under the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, districtwise;
- (c) the total number of weavers covered by these clusters in the said States;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such clusters in the said States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

- (a): Yes Madam. Handloom Clusters have been developed in West Bengal only under Integrated Handloom Development Scheme. No cluster has been sanctioned to Govt. of Sikkim.
- (b) & (c): Details of district-wise handloom clusters sanctioned to Government of West Bengal and number of beneficiaries under each cluster is enclosed at Annexure.
- (d) & (e): The increase in number of clusters is subject to viable proposals received from the State Government.