

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

- (a) the total number of powerloom units operating in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the total quantum of textile products produced annually by powerloom units in the country particularly in Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide subsidy for technical advancement of small powerlooms; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which this subsidy for technical advancement of small powerlooms will be helpful?

Answer

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

(a): Total number of Powerloom units operating in the country as on 31.5.09 are 4,96,272. The State-wise breakup of powerlooms is annexed.

(b): The total fabrics production by powerloom units in the country in the last 3 years is as under:-

	(Mill. sq.mtrs)		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (P)
Cotton	9647	9923	9621
Blended	5025	4918	4764
100% Non-cotton	18207	19884	19263
Total	32874	34725	33648

Production in Karnataka (Estimated) 1352 1350 1249

(c) & (d): The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) was launched w.e.f 01.04.1999 in order to upgrade and modernize the textile and jute industries including Powerloom sector. The scheme provides an additional option to the Powerloom units to avail 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy / Margin Money Subsidy in lieu of 5% interest reimbursement. The Scheme helped decentralized Powerloom sector to modernize existing obsolete technology level to produce good quality fabrics in order to compete in the world market. As on 30.6.09, 11,775 shuttleless looms have been installed under the scheme since its inception.