

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:235
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2010
WEAVERS SERVICE CENTRES
Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Weavers Service Centres in all the States including Orissa under the Diversified Handloom Development Scheme;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and utilized by various States including Orissa under this scheme and the reasons for underutilization of funds, if any;
- (c) whether the Weavers Service Centres in certain States are not functioning satisfactorily; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to make the functioning of Weavers Service Centres more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.235 FOR ANSWER ON 25.11.2010

(a): There are 25 Weavers' Service Centres, including one at Bhubaneswar (Orissa) in the country. The Design and Dyeing Workshop component of Diversified Handloom Development Scheme is presently implemented through Weavers' Service Centre.

(b): The details of funds allocated and utilized by these Weavers Service Centres including at Bhubaneswar (Orissa) during the year 2009-10 and 2010-11, are furnished in Annexure. No funds have been sanctioned by the Government to the States including the State of Orissa under Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(c): All the Weavers' Service Centres in the country are functioning satisfactorily.

(d): Weavers' Service Centres besides providing technical services to handloom weavers, have been assigned to adopt a cluster for the holistic development of handloom weavers of that cluster. Weavers' Service Centres have been associated in organising and assisting Implementing Agencies in holding marketing exhibitions under the Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme. Awareness camps are being organised by Weavers' Service Centres to disseminate the provision of schemes of Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms.