

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POWERLOOM UNITS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of traditional powerloom and rapier powerloom units operating at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether concrete measures have been taken by the Government for making available sufficient quantity of cotton and power especially (power from renewable sources) required by these units;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the programmes/schemes being implemented for the revival of powerloom industry;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard especially in light of rising value of rupee vis-a-vis dollar; and
- (f) the effect of recent rainfall in western part of the country on the powerloom sector?

Answer

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

(a): The state-wise detail of powerloom units is enclosed at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Concrete steps have been taken for making available sufficient quantity of cotton required by all textile sector including powerloom units. The Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) in its last meeting held on 27.8.2010 has projected total availability of 370.50 lakh bales for cotton season 2010-11 (October-September) while the total demand has been forecasted at 315.50 lakh bales. The estimated total demand includes consumption of non SSI & SSI at 246 lakhs bales, non-mill consumption of 20 lakh bales and export of 49.50 lakh bales. Thus the total carryover stocks works out to 55 lakh bales at the end of cotton season 2010-11 (October-September). As far as power availability from renewable sources is concerned, State Governments are taking steps for supply/availability of power to Powerloom Units.

(d) & (e): The Government has reviewed the schemes being implemented for the powerloom industry by an independent agency during the year 2009. Synthetic & Art Silk Mills Research Association (SASMIRA) , Mumbai has evaluated the Modified Group Workshed Scheme and Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development and submitted their report during December, 2009. As per recommendation in the said report, Group Workshed Scheme has been extended for a period of 2 years i.e. 2010-11 and 2011-12 and rate of assistance has been enhanced from Rs.120 per sq.ft. to Rs.160/- per sq.ft. for construction cost of the Group Workshed. The Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development has also been extended for period of 2 years i.e. 2010-11 and 2011-12.

(f): No assessment on effect of recent rainfall in western part of the country on the powerloom sector has been made.