

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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WEAVERS` SERVICE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of handloom Weavers` Service Centres operating in various parts of the country, location-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated/released and utilized by these centres during each of the last three years and the current year, centre-wise;
- (c) the activities undertaken by these centres alongwith the number of weavers benefited therefrom during the said period;
- (d) the measures taken by the Government for modernization of such centres;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open more such centres in the country and proposals in this regard have also been received from various States including the State of Gujarat; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present there are 25 Weavers` Service Centres, operating in various parts of the country. The details are furnished in the Annexure.

(c): The activities of these centres are mainly relating to the technical requirements of the handloom weavers, handloom co-operatives/Corporations & other manufacturers, exporters, designers etc. in terms of providing new designs, woven textures/structures/patterns, product development/diversifications, dyeing of yarn with proper shade matching, printing of fabric with new designs etc. Besides providing technical services, these centres also conduct in-house training programs in designing, weaving and dyeing/printing to the weavers, students or anyone who is interested to undergo short-term training for up-gradation of technical skills. During the said period, 33710 numbers of weavers have been benefited.

(d): Modernization of all the 25 Weavers` Service Centres have been undertaken by installing the Computer Aided Textile Design systems.

(e) & (f): The Government is not proposing to open new such centre in the country. There is one Weavers` Service Centre functioning at Ahmedabad (Gujarat);No proposal for opening new centre from any state has been received at this moment including the State of Gujarat.