

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDLOOM CLUSTERS UNDER IHDS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handloom clusters included under the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) during the last year;
- (b) the State-wise details of total number of handloom clusters in the country and funds allocated/spent during the last two years;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to include all the handloom clusters of the country under the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): During the last year 2010-11, 107 clusters have been taken up under the Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS) for their integrated and holistic development.
- (b): It is clarified that number of the clusters in the country depends on the number of handlooms forming/constituting each cluster. As per the guidelines of the IHDS, each cluster should have 300-500 handlooms. During the last two years, 159 clusters have been taken up and an amount of Rs.2489.71 lakh has been released. A statement showing State-wise details is annexed.
- (c) & (d): The Government of India, under the Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS) has so far taken up 541 clusters. The clusters are taken up for development in a phased manner depending upon budgetary allocation.