

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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POWERLOOM WEAVERS

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the condition of powerloom weavers and entrepreneurs are worsening and are on the verge of closure in the country particularly in North-Eastern States and Assam due to absence of suitable export policy/imbalanced markets and continuously growing share of international brands;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of Powerloom set up/closed and number of people lost their jobs in the country;

(c) the details of various welfare schemes including Group Insurance Scheme for development and revival of powerloom sector and fund allocated during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to help the handloom weavers who are facing stiff competition from International markets/powerloom and mill sector;

(e) the details of contribution of the handloom and powerloom sectors out of total production of textile products in the country during the last two years and the current year; and

(f) the likely steps/study undertaken by the Government to restructure/review the performance of these sectors during the year?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): There are 22.92 lakh Powerlooms in the country. There is no information about closure of Powerlooms and number of people who have lost their jobs in the country.

(c): Details are given in Annexure-I.

(d): Details are given in Annexure-II.

(e): The details of contribution of the powerloom sector out of total production of textile products in the country during last two years and the current year:

Year	Total cloth production in all sectors (Mn. sq. mtr)	Powerloom cloth production (Mn. sq. mtr)	% of powerloom cloth production w.r.t. total cloth production	Handloom cloth production (Mn. sq. mtr)	% of handloom cloth production w.r.t. total cloth production
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2009-10	60333	36997	61.32%	6806	11.28%
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2010-11	62559	38015	60.77%	6907	11.04%
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2011-12

(April-

Jan.)	50492	31402	62.19%	5775	11.43%
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(f): Based on the recommendations of the Study conducted in 2010 by Synthetic & Art Silk Mills Research Association, Mumbai, required modification, including enhancing the subsidy from Rs.120/- per sq. ft. of construction cost to Rs.160/- per sq. ft. of construction cost for Group Workshed has been made in Group workshed Scheme for Powerloom sector. The Working Group on Handloom Sector constituted by Planning commission, to review ongoing schemes etc. has submitted its report/suggestions to Planning Commission.