

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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NHDC

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

- (a) the details of schemes and programmes run by National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC);
- (b) whether the handloom weavers are not getting adequate price of their product;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, alongwith the steps taken to solve their problems;
- (d) the number of powerlooms in the country at present alongwith the quantum of textile produced by them, State-wise including West Bengal during the last three years;
- (e) whether there is an urgent need of required machinery to the textiles sector for augment the capacity of textiles; and
- (f) if so, the details of thereof alongwith steps taken by the Government to address the issue of availability of required machinery to the textiles sector?

**Answer**

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

(a):The National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) is implementing Mill Gate Price Scheme of Government of India. Further, NHDC also organize programmes like organization of dyeing workshops, Buyer-Seller Meets, awareness and sensitization programmes on Government's schemes and organization of marketing events etc.

(b) & (c): No such report has been received from any State Governments. However, the Government of India is aware of handloom weavers' difficulties in facing competition from Powerloom and Mill Sector. Therefore, the overall and holistic development of Handloom Sector, the Government of India is implementing following schemes for Handloom Weavers:- I. Integrated Handloom Development Schemes II. Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme III. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme IV. Mill Gate Price Scheme V. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme

The Government has also approved a financial package for waiver of loan for the handloom sector, called "Revival, Reform and Restructuring Package for Handloom Sector" which has a financial implication of Rs.3884 crores across the country, for benefitting 15,000 Cooperative Societies and 3 lakh handloom weavers.

In addition, the Government has also approved a 'Comprehensive Package for the Handloom Sector' having a total financial implication of Rs.2362 crores across the country, for providing cheap credit under Integrated Handloom Development Scheme and subsidized yarn under MGPS. The scheme will provide subsidized yarn with 10% price subsidy under Mill Gate Price Scheme.

(d): The number of powerlooms in the country, including West Bengal is as follows:

S. No. State No. of Looms

1. Andhra Pradesh 45408
2. Assam 2726
3. Bihar 2894
4. Goa 122
5. Gujarat 323514
6. Haryana 9933
- 7 Himachal Pradesh 1461
8. Jammu & Kashmir 65
9. Karnataka 81890
10. Kerala 2804
11. Madhya Pradesh 117973
12. Maharashtra 1177039
13. Odisha 3321
14. Punjab 23620
15. Rajasthan 34271
16. Tamil Nadu 396115
17. Uttar Pradesh 65993

18. West Bengal 5965  
19. Delhi 1102  
20. Chandigarh (UT) 42  
21. Dadra & Nagar  
Haveli (UT) 962  
22. Pondicherry  
(UT) 830  
Total 2298050

The last three years production by powerlooms during last three years including West Bengal is as follows:- (in Mn.Sq.mtrs)

Year	Total Production	Production in West Bengal
2008-09	33,648	120
2009-10	36,997	150
2010-11	37,517	164

(e) & (f): There is need of machinery specifically of better technology for augmenting the capacity to compete with international market.

The Government has implemented Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for providing the subsidy on term loan/investment on high tech machines in Textile Industry which was valid upto 31.03.2012. The subsidy under the TUFS was provided on imported as well as indigenous machinery to meet the requirement of machinery for Textile Industry. The Govt. has taken steps to extend the TUFS for 12th Plan Period.