

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:212  
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POWER LOOM UNITS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of traditional power loom and rapier power loom units operating in the country, State-wise along with their production during the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure sufficient quantity of cotton and power required by these units;
- (c) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for the welfare of weavers and development of power loom in the country along with the funds released during the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the programmes/schemes being implemented for the revival of power loom sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the package, if any, to promote investment in the power loom sector?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.08.2012 BY DR. KRUPARANI KILLI AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY REGARDING POWERLOOM UNITS.

(a): There is about 1.05 lakh shuttleless loom (including rapier, water jet and projectile) out of an estimated 22.98 lakh powerloom available in the country. The data of rapier looms is not available separately. State-wise availability of powerloom is given at Annexure-I. The fabric production in powerloom sector in the country during last three years is tabulated as under:-

(Mn.Sq.Mtr)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	36997	38015	38279

(The data for state-wise fabric production in powerloom sector in the country is not available).

(b): Government of India ran the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMS) from Year 2000 to strengthen the raw material base for cotton textile, by provision of support for Cotton Research and Technology, Transfer of Technology, Development of Market Yards and Modernization and Upgradation of Ginning & Pressing (G&P). Since 2002-03, the Govt. has commercially released *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (Bt.) cotton which has resulted in more cotton production, more efficient use of water resources and less use of farm chemicals. The responsibility of making available sufficient power supply rests with State Governments.

(c): The details of the schemes being implemented for the welfare of weavers and development of powerloom industry in the country are as under:-

(i) Group Insurance Scheme: Group Insurance Scheme works for welfare of powerloom weavers/ workers in association with LIC, under which out of the total premium of Rs.330/-, only Rs.80/- is paid by the powerloom weaver for getting the following benefits under the scheme.

	Natural death	Accidental Death	Total Permanent Disability	Partial Permanent Disability.
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In addition to the above, a worker is entitled to educational grant of Rs.600/- per child/per half year for two children studying in IX to XI standard for a maximum period of 4 years under Shiksha Sahayog Yojana (SSY).

(ii) Group Workshed Scheme- Group Workshed Scheme for decentralized powerloom sector aims at assisting the setting up of powerloom units in groups with modern weaving machinery to enhance their competitiveness in the Global Market. Subsidy of 40% of the unit cost of construction is given subject to a maximum of Rs.160/- per sq.ft. with a maximum subsidy of Rs.12 lakh per person.

(iii) Integrated Scheme of Powerloom Sector Development –

The Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Cluster Development assists powerloom weavers within the selected cluster with grant and assistance to strengthen their supply chain and improving their product. It has following components:

# Marketing Development programme for Powerloom Sector.

# Exposure visit of Powerloom Weavers to other Clusters

# Powerloom Cluster Development

# Development and Upgradation of skills (HRD)

# Survey of the Powerloom Sector.

(iv) 20% Margin Money Subsidy (MMS) under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS). 20% MMS is provided on investment in machines in SSI powerloom sector as per the guidelines under TUFS.

(v) Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme (CPCDS): The Scheme is being implemented on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model by collaboration between the Central/State Governments, beneficiary weavers and financial institutions. The Government of India's support under the Scheme by way of Grant is Rs.70 Crore per cluster. At present, 4 Powerloom Mega Cluster projects under the scheme are under implementation in Bhiwandi (Maharashtra), Erode (Tamil Nadu), Bhilwara (Rajasthan) and Ichalakaranji (Maharashtra).

The fund released during last three years state-wise are given at Annexure-II (Group Insurance Scheme) & Annexure-III (Group Workshed Scheme) & Annexure-IV (20% MMS). Fund released during last 3 years under Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development was Rs.7.82 crore during 2009-10, Rs.8.98 crore during 2010-11 & Rs.6.74 crore during 2011-12. Till date, Government had released about Rs. 17 crores towards Powerloom Mega Cluster projects.

(d) & (e): The Government reviews periodically the schemes being implemented for powerloom sector development. No package has been announced for powerloom sector for the 12th Plan.