

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:89  
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2013  
POWERLOOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the powerloom units functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the measures/steps taken by the Government for the welfare of the powerloom weavers particularly in view of the recent recession in the country and that the powerloom units are on the verge of closure;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to modernise small/big powerloom units in the country;
- (d) if so, the number of powerloom units modernised during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the action being taken by the Government to check hoarding, blackmarketing and speculation in powerloom sector?

**Answer**

(MINISTER 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. 89 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2013.

(a): The state-wise powerloom units in the country is given at Annexure-I.

(b): There has been increase in cloth production during Apr.-Dec. 2012-13 in comparison to the corresponding period of previous year i.e., Apr.-Dec. 2011-12 as indicated below:-

(mn. sq. mtr.)

Year	Total production	Production on Powerloom
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2011-12 (P) upto Dec 11	45,195	28,019
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2012-13 (P) upto Dec 12	46,790	28,310
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The above data indicate that there is no recession in Powerloom sector in the country. There is no information about Powerloom units on the verge of closure.

For welfare of powerloom workers/weavers, Government is implementing Group Insurance Scheme 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 Total Permanent Partial  
Disability. Death Disability Permanent

Rs.60,000/- Rs.1,50,000/- Rs.1,50,000/- Rs.75,000/-

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 XII standard for a maximum period of 4 years under Shiksha Sahayog Yojana (SSY).

(c): For modernisation of technology/machinery in textile industry, 5% interest reimbursement on the term loan for machinery or 15% Margin Money Subsidy on investment in machinery in SSI Textile units or 20% Margin Money Subsidy on investment in machinery exclusively in SSI powerloom units, are provided under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).

(d): Number of powerloom units modernised under 20% MMS – TUFS during last three years and current year, state-wise, is given at Annexure-II.

(e): No complaint has been received regarding hoarding, blackmarketing and speculations in respect of powerloom sector.

#### Annexure-I

POSITION OF THE STATE/UNION TERRITORY WISE INSTALLATION OF POWERLOOMS AS ON  
31.12.2012

State	Units	No. of looms
1 Andhra Pradesh	10141	45418
2 Assam	264	2738
3 Bihar	1443	2894
4 Goa	18	122
5 Gujarat	32247	323384
6 Haryana	2713	12293
7 Himachal Pradesh	182	1461
8 Jammu & Kashmir	56	65

9 Karnataka 24586 81890

10 Kerala 673 2804

11 Madhya Pradesh 47957 121987

12 Maharashtra 289067 1196688

13 Orissa 792 3321

14 Punjab 3661 23620

15 Rajasthan 4036 34271

16 Tamil Nadu 81292 404441

17 Uttar Pradesh 25135 65993

18 West Bengal 1037 6195

19 Delhi 124 1102  
II. Union Territory

20 Chandigarh 11 42

21 Dadra & Nagar Haveli 38 962

22 Pondicherry 129 1070

TOTAL 525602 2332761