

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HANDLOOM
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish Indian Institute of Handloom and Textiles in various parts of the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with norms/criteria to establish such institutes;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open an institute on the line of National Institute of Fashion Technology; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): There are five central Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) located at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Salem (Tamil Nadu), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Guwahati (Assam) and Bargarh (Orissa). IIHTs have also been set up in the state sector by the respective State Governments with one time partial support of the Government of India. IIHT Venkatagiri (Andhra Pradesh), IIHT Kannur (Kerala), IIHT Gadag-Betagiri (Karnataka), IIHT Champa (Chhattisgarh) are functioning in the state sector. The Government has proposed to establish an IIHT at Shantipur in West Bengal in the central sector under XII five year plan. Currently no new IIHT is proposed to be set up in the country including the State of Bihar.
- (b): Concentration of weavers, production of handloom items and requirement of trained and qualified manpower for handloom industry are the main criteria to establish IIHTs at a particular location.
- (c) & (d): No sir, there is no proposal to open an institute on the lines of NIFT.