GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TEXTILES LOK SABHA

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POWERLOOM SECTOR.
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the powerloom weavers and entrepreneurs are on the verge of closure in the country particularly in North-Eastern States, Odisha and West Bengal due to absence of suitable export policy/imbalanced markets and continuously growing share of international brands:
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of powerlooms set up/closed and number of people who lost their jobs in the country:
- (c) the details of various schemes formulated for development and revival of powerloom sector including Group Insurance Scheme along with funds allocated/utilised during the last three years and the current year, State/scheme-wise;
- (d) the details of the contribution of the handloom and powerloom sectors out of total production of textile products in the country during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) 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. PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): There are 23.47 lakh powerloom installed in the country out of which about 12300 powerlooms are in West Bengal, Odisha and NER states.
- (c): The powerloom sector schemes are formulated /implemented across the country and are not state specific. Group Workshed Scheme, Group Insurance Scheme, Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development and 20% MMS under TUFS for decentralized SSI powerloom sector have been implemented during last 3 years and current year (as on date) and allocation and utilization of fund for them is as under:-

During last 3 years, the fund under 20% MMS authorized/utilized was Rs.28.77 crore, Rs.40.83 crore, & Rs.85.28 crore. During current year (till date) fund of Rs.25.00 crore has been allocated which have been sanctioned and are being released.

#Amounts have been sanctioned and are being released.

(d): The contribution of the handloom and powerloom sectors out of total production of textile products in the country during the last three years and the current year is:

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(in ml.sq. mtrs.)
Year Total Production %age of Production %age of production on power powerloom on handloom handloom loom over total over total cloth cloth production production

2010-11 62,559 38,015 60.77 6907 11.04
2011-12(P) 61,364 38,279 62.38 6901 11.25
2012-13 (P) 62,882 37,880 60.24 6949 11.05
2013-14 15,536 9,395 60.47 1768 11.38
(upto June)
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(e):To review the performance of 11th Plan schemes, Third Party Independent evaluation has been undertaken in handloom and powerloom sectors. Also Working Group on Textiles and Jute set up by Planning Commission has made recommendations for powerloom and handloom sector for 12th Plan. The recommendations made by Evaluators/Working Group have been taken into account while formulating the schemes for 12th Plan.