

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:674  
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2013  
WEAVERS SERVICE CENTRES  
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to increase number of Weavers Service Centres in the rural areas particularly in the backward regions of the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with such centres set up by the Government during 11th Five Year Plan and the funds allocated/spent, including the number of people who participated through these centres State-wise;
- (c) Whether the Government prefers to set up these centres in the backward areas/region of the country; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof along with the proposal received from States pending with the Government and follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): No Madam,

(b): During the 11th five year plan, no new Weavers Service Centre was set up.

(c) & (d): Concentration of weavers in a particular state/region is one of the main factors taken into consideration while setting up of a Weavers Service Centre. In the budget speech for 2012-13, the Finance Minister announced setting up of three new Weavers Service Centres, one each in Mizoram, Nagaland and Jharkhand. In pursuance of the announcement The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal for setting up of these new Weavers Service Centers in central sector in the States of Mizoram, Nagaland and Jharkhand under Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme in the 12th Plan.