

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE FACILITATION CENTRE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposed a trade facilitation centre and a craft museum to develop and promote handloom products from Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has approached the Government of Uttar Pradesh to arrange land for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the response of the Government of Uttar Pradesh thereto;
- (e) whether the Union Government has also earmarked funds for developing a Textile mega cluster at Varanasi and six more places;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other steps taken by the Union Government for the development of hand-loom and carpet industry in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Finance Minister in the Budget 2014-15 announced to set up Trade Facilitation Centre and Crafts Museum with an outlay of Rs.50 crore to develop and promote handloom products and carry forward the rich tradition of handlooms of Varanasi.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The State Government has not allotted the land/building identified for setting up Trade Facilitation Centre and Crafts Museum at Varanasi.

(e) & (f): The Finance Minister in the Budget 2014-15 announced to set up six more Textile mega clusters at Bareilly, Lucknow, Surat, Kuttch, Bhagalpur, Mysore and one in Tamil Nadu with an allocation of Rs.200 crore. Varanasi Mega hand-loom cluster is already under implementation.

(g): The Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes for development of handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers:-

(i) National Handloom Development Programme (ii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (iii) Yarn Supply Scheme and (iv) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.

Under the Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS), two mega clusters i.e. Mirzapur Bhadohi (UP) and Srinagar (J&K) are implemented for the development of Carpet Industry in the State.