

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING TEXTILE CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing textile clusters including handlooms developed by the Government in various parts of the country including the incentives/ benefits extended to people employed therein;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish more such clusters across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose and the number of persons enrolled and benefited by these clusters during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved the desired success in the clusters development programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government has sanctioned 6 Mega Clusters under Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme namely, Powerloom Mega Cluster, Erode (Tamilnadu), Powerloom Mega Cluster, Bhiwandi (Maharashtra), Powerloom Mega Cluster, Bhilwara (Rajasthan), Powerloom Mega Cluster, Ichalkaranji (Maharashtra), Powerloom Mega Cluster, Surat (Gujarat) and Silk Mega Cluster, Mysore (Karnataka) and released Rs.35.745 crore, upto 31.12.2014. Further under the Cluster Development Programme, a sum of Rs.140.25 crore has been released for setting up of 108 handloom clusters, benefiting 40,677 weavers under Cluster Development Programme. The details of handlooms clusters and funds released and weavers benefitted is enclosed at Annexure-I. Sanction of additional clusters depends on the viability of the proposals received from State Government.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Evaluation of clusters including the handloom clusters has revealed positive impact on the earnings of textile workers, weavers, number of working days, sales, etc.