

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4886  
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POWERLOOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made drastic changes in the guidelines of the scheme for group workshed for powerloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government consulted all stakeholders before modifying the guidelines for the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The following changes were made under the Group Workshed Scheme of powerloom sector w.e.f. 06.02.2014:

- (i) The area for the construction of the Group Workshed Scheme was made uniform to the maximum of 400 sq.ft per shuttleless loom.
- (ii) The subsidy for of the Powerloom will be limited to 40% of the unit cost of construction subject to a maximum of Rs 300 per sq.ft.

(c) & (d): The modification in the scheme was done based on an Evaluation Study undertaken by Silk and Art Silk Research Association (SASMIRA) Mumbai done during the year 2012-13, which included consultation with stakeholders of Powerloom industry. The modifications were notified and have been implemented based on the recommendation given in the report of the Evaluation study.

(e): Does not arise.