

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government for granting financial assistance to weavers to upgrade their powerloom machines with a view to increase their production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of weavers provided such financial assistance during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Kerala and Karnataka; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Pilot Scheme of In-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerloom for SSI Powerloom Sector was introduced on 11.09.2013 in order to provide financial assistance to economically weak, low-end powerloom units having upto eight plain powerlooms. The primary objective is to improve quality and productivity of the fabric being produced by upgrading existing plain loom with certain additional attachments. Govt. of India provides financial assistance to the extent of 50% of the cost of the upgradation attachments / kits, dobby and jacquard, subject to maximum subsidy of Rs.15,000/- per powerloom and the maximum subsidy to a powerloom unit holding eight powerlooms upto Rs.1,20,000/-. The subsidy is also extended to credit linked upgradation. The pilot scheme has been taken up in eight states. Details of financial assistance provided under the scheme since its inception (during September, 2013 to March, 2015) are as under:-

Name of the State	Name of the Cluster	Name of the looms (Nos)	Kits installed (Nos)	Subsidy Released (Rs in lakh)
Gujarat	Ahmedabad			
	Dholka			
	Surat	470	39.92	
Andhra Pradesh	Sircilla	62		
	Hindupur	577	67.05	
	Nagari	114	6.99	
Punjab	Ludhiana	24	2.88	
Tamilnadu	Somanur	4454	548.18	
	Erode	1123	168.45	
	Salem	103	15.45	
MadhayPradesh	Burhanpur	48	1.5	
WestBengal	Bhagalpur			
Maharastra	Nagpur			
	Malegaon			
	Ichalkaranji	240	26.36	
	Bhiwandi	1438	118.67	
	Solapur			
Noida	Tanda			
	Mau			
	Kishangargh			
	Varanasi	34	2.55	
	Total	8531	998	

(c): Further assistance under the following schemes are also given for development of powerloom sector:-

1. Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD)

The scheme was launched in 2007 to enhance the competitive strength of the decentralized powerloom sector. The Scheme has the following components:-

- i. Technical Service Support
- ii. Buyer Seller Meets (BSM)

- iii. Exposure visits
- iv. Seminar and Workshops
- v. Common Facility Centers (CFC)
- vi. Corpus Fund for Yarn Bank
- vii. Pilot Scheme of Tex-Venture Capital Fund

2. Group Workshed Scheme (GWS)

This scheme was launched in 2003 to provide improved working condition and work efficiency for construction of workshed for shuttleless looms.

3. Group Insurance Scheme for the Powerloom workers (GIS)

The scheme provides insurance cover to the Powerloom weavers in the case of death and disability due to accident. An educational grant for two children of the weavers is also provided under the Siksha Sahyog Yojana.

4. 15%, 20% & 30% Margin Money Subsidy Scheme under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for powerloom sector

The Govt. is implementing Margin Money Subsidy (MMS) under TUFS, especially to modernize the decentralized Powerloom Sector. The scheme was announced on 06.11.2003 by Ministry of Textiles and has been modified from time to time.