

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:526
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PILOT SCHEME FOR SSI POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the New Pilot Scheme of in-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerlooms for Small Scale Industries Powerloom Sector under implementation for the economically weaker powerloom units in the country;
- (b) the financial assistance released and utilized under the scheme since 2013, State/UT and year-wise;
- (c) the details of other schemes being implemented by the Government for the growth and development of powerloom sector including funds allocated, released and utilized thereunder during each of the last three years, scheme and State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide any subsidy to the powerloom sector and if so, the details thereof including the amount of subsidy to be provided?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.526 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 30.04.2015

(a): The Pilot Scheme of In-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerloom for SSI Powerloom Sector was launched on 11.09.2013 on pilot basis in selected clusters in eight (8) States to provide financial assistance to economically weak, low-end powerloom units. The primary objective is to improve quality and productivity of the fabric by upgrading existing plain powerloom with certain additional attachments. The salient features of the scheme are:-

- i. The existing plain powerloom is to be upgraded with additional attachments as prescribed under the scheme;
- ii. Financial assistance to the extent of 50% of the cost of the upgradation attachments is provided to the powerloom weaver;
- iii. Maximum subsidy is Rs.15,000/- per powerloom;
- iv. Maximum subsidy to a powerloom unit would be Rs.1,20,000 with a cap of eight powerlooms per unit.
- v. Powerloom units having more than eight powerlooms are not eligible for benefits under the scheme;
- vi. The subsidy is also extended to powerlooms which are upgraded on credit basis.

(b): The state-wise details of funds released between September 2013 and March 2015 are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Subsidy is provided to powerloom weavers under the schemes which have already been introduced for the development of decentralised powerloom sector in the country. Details of the schemes, funds allocated and funds utilized are at Annexure-II.