

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRIBUTION OF TEXTILE SECTOR

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the contribution of the textiles sector to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
- (b) the plan of the Government to formulate National Fibre Policy for textile sector with a view to achieve 9-10 per cent growth;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to liberalise the terms and conditions and set up the technology driven institutes to upgrade the skills of textile workers including weavers and artisans in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such institutes set up by the Government so far; and
- (e) the strategy and action plan of the Government to increase the export of textile products?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The contribution of the textile sector to the Country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2013 has been about 4 per cent.
- (b): Government formulated the National Fibre Policy 2010-11 with a decadal perspective of 2010-20 for promotion and growth of textiles industry in the country by providing institutional and technological support for rapid Fibre growth in the country.
- (c) & (d): Government is implementing the Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) with focus on creating and enhancing skill required for textile sector. An allocation of Rs. 1900 crores has been provided during 12th five year plan to train 15 lakh persons.  
  
Government has already set up 47 Powerloom Service Centres (PSCs) across the country in major Powerloom clusters for providing technical training and service support to Powerloom weavers. The details of Powerloom Service Centres are given in Annexure-I.  
  
In the Handloom Sector, there are six Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHTs) and 27 Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) in the country. The details are given in Annexure-II.
- (e): A large number of policy measures have been initiated by the Government with incentives to boost exports and harness the potential of textile sector, viz. Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Focus Product Scheme, Market Linked Focus Product Scheme, Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, Duty Drawback Scheme, Advance License Scheme, Duty-free import of trimmings, embellishments and other specified item etc.