

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF WEAVERS SERVICE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of weavers service centres opened in various States including Chhattisgarh under different handloom development schemes, State-wise;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and utilized under the said scheme by various States including Chhattisgarh and the reasons for under-utilisation of the funds during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether weavers service centres have not been working satisfactorily in certain States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government for making the working of the said centres more effective?

Answer

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

- (a): At present 27 Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) are functioning under the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, in various States including Chhattisgarh. WSCs at Ranchi in Jharkhand and Dimapur in Nagaland have been opened recently in pursuance of Budget Speech (2012-13).
- (b): Funds allocated/sanctioned to these WSCs state-wise and their utilization during last three years and the current year are given in the statement as Annexure-I. The statement indicates that all the WSCs except those who were set up recently, have almost utilized funds to the extent it is allocated.
- (c) & (d): The Weavers Service Centres are working satisfactorily. However, for making the working of WSCs more effective, Zonal Directors concerned are keeping close watch/interaction on the WSCs working under them in consultation with Advisory Committees.