

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF TEXTILE TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of textile training centres operating in the country at present, Statewise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the various State Governments including Chhattisgarh for opening of more such centres in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to promote the brand image of Indian handicraft in markets across the world; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government has 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 jurisdiction of these PSCs may extend beyond a State/District. The State-wise details of Powerloom Service Centres are given in Annexure-I.

In the Sericulture sector, 17 Training Units are functioning in the country imparting training through Central Silk Technological Research Institute (CSTRI) and its Sub-units under Central Silk Board (CSB), Bangalore in silk sector related activities viz. silk reeling, twisting, dyeing, weaving, printing, Computer Aided Textile Designing, machinery maintenance etc. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-II.

In the Handloom Sector, there are six Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHTs) and 21 Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) in the country. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-III.

Setting up of new Training Institutes/ Centers in various state including Chattisgarh is done on the basis of demand and an identified need for such facilities. This is a continuous process.

(d) & (e): In order to promote Indian Handicrafts' brand image in markets across the world Government undertakes various activities under the Handicrafts Marketing Support and Services Scheme such as participation in international marketing events, Cultural Exchange Programmes, Fairs & Exhibitions, Thematic Shows, Reverse Buyer -Seller Meets, etc.