

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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CHALLENGES IN UNORGANISED POWERLOOM SECTOR

2392. SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:

SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of baseline survey initiated to identify critical gaps in the powerloom sector and key findings that have emerged so far;
- (b) measures that have been undertaken by Government to address persistent challenges in the unorganised powerloom sector, particularly in relation to obsolete technology and limited access to credit and finance; and
- (c) the latest available data on the number of functioning powerlooms and the workforce engaged in the sector, State-wise, as of 2024?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): In order to ensure an assessment of technology level, market dynamics and socio economic aspects of the workers associated with the powerloom sector, the Textiles Committee under Ministry of Textiles has prepared a framework for baseline survey of Powerloom sector. The terms of reference of the study have been finalized and in-principle approval accorded.

(b) & (c): The last baseline survey for powerloom, conducted in 2013, revealed the existence of approximately 24 lakh Powerlooms, supporting a workforce of around 44 lakh individuals across the country. Based upon the recommendations/findings of this survey, the Government had launched a scheme named PowerTex India, with an outlay of Rs. 487 crore for the period from 2017 to 2021. This initiative aimed at addressing the needs and challenges identified in the powerloom sector, through a holistic approach in order to foster growth, employment and overall development. PowerTex India Scheme has now been subsumed under Textile Cluster Development Scheme (TCDS) to meet the committed liabilities only. The key sub-components of Power Tex India included in TCDS are (i) Group Work Shed Scheme (ii) PM Credit Scheme for Powerloom Weavers and (iii) In-situ upgradation of Powerlooms. The State wise details of the number of Powerlooms and manpower as per the last baseline survey is enclosed as Annexure.

STATEWISE POWERLOOM INDUSTRY AT GLANCE

STATE	UNITS	TOTAL LOOMS	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	SHUTTLELESS LOOMS
UP	59,038	1,90,874	5,77,748	2,690
RAJASTHAN	945	22,980	54,456	16,434
HARYANA	1,600	25,510	42,533	1,128
PUNJAB&HP,J&K	1,162	14,511	25,025	1,251
MP	8,344	39,979	1,66,147	1,063
NORTHZONETOTAL	71,089	2,93,854	8,65,909	22,566
GUJARAT	34,966	5,24,102	6,63,068	34,331
MAHARASHTRA	1,49,613	9,48,891	15,54,938	35,429
CHATTISGARH	49	166	324	NA
WESTZONETOTAL	1,84,628	14,73,159	22,18,330	69,760
ORISSA	824	1,793	3,792	NA
WB	3,509	12,690	20,141	25
BIHAR	3,839	20,511	42,770	12
ASSAM/NE	30	464	868	NA
EASTZONETOTAL	8,202	35,458	67,571	37
TAMILNADU	89,449	5,62,513	10,18,961	8,794
ANDhra PRADESH	12,635	48,176	83,850	1,435
KARNATAKA	18,566	68,795	1,53,045	199
KERALA	1,027	4,463	7,865	350
SOUTHZONETOTAL	1,21,677	6,83,947	12,63,721	10,778
ALLINDIA	3,85,596	24,86,418	44,18,240	1,03,141
