

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3723  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2016

**POWERLOOM WEAVERS**

3723. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- the details of the powerlooms in the country, State-wise;
- the welfare measures taken by the Government for the benefit of powerloom weavers keeping in view the current economic slowdown and powerlooms being on the verge of closure;
- whether the Government proposes to modernise small/big powerloom units;
- if so, the number of powerloom units modernised during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- the action taken/being taken by the Government to check hoarding, black-marketing and speculative activities in Powerloom sector?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): There are approximately 5.60 Lakhs Powerloom Units with 25.74 Lakh Powerlooms in the country. The state-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b): The Government of India has been implementing several schemes for the development /welfare for the benefit of the decentralized Powerloom Sector which include:- i) In-situ upgradation scheme for upgradation of plain powerlooms; ii) Group Workshed Scheme for giving assistance for constructing workshed for powerloom sector; iii) The Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) and iv) The Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Sector.

(c) & (d): Government of India provides financial assistance under In-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerloom for SSI Powerloom Sector for upgrading existing plain looms to semi-automatic / looms. Under the scheme, Government of India provides financial assistance to the extent of 50%, 75% and 90% of the cost of upgradation to a maximum subsidy of Rs. 40,000, 60,000 and 72,000 per loom for General, SC and ST category applicants respectively. The number of Powerloom units modernized under In-situ Up-gradation of Plain Powerloom is as under:-

Year	No. of looms modernised	GOI Share released
2014-15	8531	9.980
2015-16	45305	59.185
2016-17**	35228	44.461
<b>Total</b>	<b>89064</b>	<b>113.626</b>

\*\* upto October, 2016

(e): In order to ensure supply of Yarn to the units in Powerloom Sector, support is provided under the Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) by arranging interest free corpus funds for Yarn Banks to Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) / Cooperative Societies. This enables them to purchase yarn at wholesale rate and supply at reasonable price to member units.

**ANNEXURE****STATE/UNION TERRITORY WISE INSTALLATION OF POWERLOOMS**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/Union Territory</b>	<b>No. of Looms</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	55947
2.	Assam	2738
3.	Bihar	2894
4.	Goa	122
5.	Gujarat	323400
6.	Haryana	12293
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1461
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	65
9.	Karnataka	83965
10.	Kerala	2804
11.	Madhya Pradesh	133425
12.	Maharashtra	1280694
13.	Orissa	3321
14.	Punjab	23620
15.	Rajasthan	34271
16.	Tamil Nadu	531373
17.	Uttar Pradesh	65993
18.	West Bengal	6240
19.	Delhi	1102
20.	Telangana	7478
21.	Arunachal Pradesh Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura	-
22.	Chandigarh	42
23.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	444
24.	Pondicherry	830
	Total	2574522

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