

**POWERLOOM SECTOR**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to boost common infrastructure and technology modernization of powerloom sector;
- (b) the efforts being made by the Union Government to develop entrepreneurial skills among stakeholders and providing/extending assistance for marketing support in the form of buyerseller meets; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and spent in modernization of powerloom sector during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**उत्तर**

**ANSWER**

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**(a):** In order to boost common infrastructure and modernisation of technology in the powerloom sector, Government has launched “PowerTex India” Scheme on 01.04.2017 for a period of three years from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2020. Of the 9 components in the scheme, the components pertaining to technology upgradation and infrastructure includes In-situ Upgradation Scheme for plain powerlooms, Group Workshed Scheme & Common Facility Centre. The details are as under:-

(i) In Situ Upgradation Scheme:

- Provides financial assistance to economically weaker low-end powerloom units, for upgrading existing plain looms to semi-automatic/automatic looms by way of fixing certain additional attachments/kits.
- Improves quality and productivity of the fabric being produced and enable them to face the competition in domestic and international markets.
- Provides financial assistance on the cost of the kits/attachments to the extent of 50% for General Category, 75% for SC Category and 90% for ST Category.

(ii) Group Workshed Scheme:

- Facilitate establishment of Worksheds for shuttleless looms in an existing or new cluster, which provides required scale of economy for business operations.
- Provides financial assistance of Rs.400 per sq. ft or 40% of total construction cost, whichever is less, provided for construction of workshed.

(iii) Common Facility Centre(CFC):

- Provides financial assistance for setting up of Common Facility Centres such as design centre/studio, testing facilities, training centre, information cum trade centre and common raw material/yarn/sales depot, water treatment plant for industrial use, dormitory, workers' residential space, common pre-weaving facilities viz. yarn dyeing, warping & sizing , twisting etc., and post weaving facilities viz. processing, etc.
- Government provides maximum upto Rs.200 lakh per CFC to SPV(Special Purpose Vehicle) (including construction of building and installation of TUFs compatible machines).

**(b):** In order to develop entrepreneurial skills among stake holders and also providing/extending assistance for marketing support in the form of Buyer-Seller Meets, Government provides for trade facilitation, IT, Awareness, Market Development and Publicity under PowerTex India scheme as under:

- Give wide publicity, including event based publicity etc. through electronic, print, film media, multimedia, e-marketing facility to the Powerloom schemes/programmes.
- Organize Buyer-Seller Meets and Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets to promote market for powerloom product.
- A toll free helpline 1800222017 has been launched to provide multiple support services for availing benefits of PowerTex India. The mobile app i.e iPowerTex can be downloaded from google play store and is operational.

**(c):** The details of fund allocated and spent in modernization of powerloom sector during each of the last three years and the current year is enclosed as Annexure-I. There is no state-wise allocation of funds.

Annexure-I  
(Rs. In Crore)

Name of the Scheme	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (upto 18/12/17)
In Situ upgradation of Plain Powerlooms	12.48	9.98	61.55	59.185	68.25	68.25	68.31	61.68
Group Workshed Scheme	17.00	16.40	20.07	20.07	20.00	20.00	24.03	9.42
Yarn Bank Scheme	2.00	2.00	4.922	4.872	9.161	9.161	6.00	1.31
Common Facility Center	-	-	0.03	0.03	0.391	0.391	4.00	-
GIA –Modernization	0.35	0.35	0.03	0.03	0.92	0.92	0.60	-
GIA-Recurring	4.40	4.40	4.697	4.697	4.583	4.583	5.00	4.15
Exp. of Tx.C PSCs	2.35	1.66	2.35	1.89	2.55	2.076	4.00	4.00
Tex Venture Fund	11.50	11.50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facilitation/IT	2.11	2.11	2.971	2.667	3.265	3.223	3.50	2.51
GIS	4.00	3.63	6.62	6.62	2.00	2.00	4.93	-
Total	56.19	52.03	103.24	100.061	111.12	110.604	120.37	83.07

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