

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1732
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

SAATHI INITIATIVE

1732. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:
SHRI SUMAN BALKA:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

- (a) the salient features and objectives of the initiative “Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries” (SAATHI);
- (b) whether the scheme is aimed at easing the financial costs incurred by the small and medium powerloom and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified any existing textile clusters to commence the implementation of the project/initiative and if so, the details of the clusters selected for the purpose;
- (d) whether the scheme is likely to result in energy and cost savings for the entrepreneurs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether her Ministry has joined hands with the Ministry of Power under the initiative SAATHI to procure energy efficient Powerlooms, motors and rapier kits in bulk and provide them to the small and medium powerloom units at no upfront cost and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Power have joined hands under the new initiative SAATHI (Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to help small Industries) with a new to sustain and accelerate the adoption of energy efficient textile technologies in power loom sector and the cost savings due to the use of such technology. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a public-sector entity under the administrative control of Ministry of Power, will replace old inefficient electric motors with energy efficient IE3 motors which is likely to result in energy and cost saving to the tune of 10-15 % in the first phase. In the second phase, it will replace energy efficient Powerlooms and Rapier kits in bulk and provide them to the small and medium Powerloom units. The use of these efficient equipments would result in energy savings and cost savings to the unit owners at no upfront cost. To overcome the challenge faced by small and medium powerlooms of lack for finance for capital investment, if any, the scheme also provides EESL's service model enabling upfront investment by EESL, to be repaid by beneficiary in instalments over 4-5 years. The initial target of 1.3 million covers clusters like Surat(Gujarat), Bhiwandi & Ichalkaranji (Maharashtra) and Erode (Tamil Nadu) which shall progressively be extended to other powerloom sectors.
