

LOK SABHA
STATRRED QUESTION *398
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

POWERLOOM INDUSTRY

*398. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

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

- (a) whether the powerloom industry is on the verge of closure and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of powerloom industrial units closed during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to address the said situation?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.*398 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018 REGARDING POWERLOOM INDUSTRY ASKED BY SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE.

(a): No, Madam. The production of cloth by the powerloom industry during the last two years has been as follows:-

(in million square meters)

Year	Cloth production by powerloom	Share of Powerloom Industry in cloth production
2016-17	35672	55.39%
2017-18*	32825	58.84%

*upto January, 2018

(b): As per the All India survey of Powerloom Industry, done during 2013, there are approximately 3.86 lakh Powerloom Units with 24.86 Lakh Powerlooms. No structured survey has been carried out thereafter to assess the number of powerloom units set up or closed, during the last three years.

(c): To support the development and growth of Powerloom sector, Government of India had launched "PowerTex India" on 01.04.2017 which is a comprehensive scheme. The main components of PowerTex India and the benefits extended under them to powerloom units (upto 5.3.2018) are given below:-

1. In-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerlooms: Government provides subsidy ranging from 50% to 90% to upgrade plain powerlooms to improve quality and output of the looms. Since inception, 2,06,241 looms have been upgraded and subsidy amounting to Rs.203.12 crores has been released.
2. Group Workshed Scheme (GWS): Subsidy ranging from 40% to 90% is given on construction cost of Group Workshed. Since 2014-15, 262 projects have been approved and Government subsidy amounting to Rs.73.00 crores has been released.
3. Yarn Bank Scheme: Interest free corpus fund upto Rs.2 crores is given to the SPVs/Societies formed by powerloom weavers to purchase raw yarn at reasonable price. Since 2014-15, 63 Yarn Bank projects have been approved and an amount of Rs.20.773 crores has been released.
4. Common Facility Centres (CFC): Subsidy upto Rs.2 crores is given to SPVs formed by powerloom weavers for construction of building and installation of machineries which is meant for common use by the powerloom weavers. Since 2014-15, 20 projects have been approved and Rs.3.94 crores has been released, so far.
5. Pradhan Mantri Credit Scheme for Powerloom Weavers: A margin money subsidy of upto Rs.1 lakh and interest subvention of 6% is provided on the term loans availed under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) for 5 years. Similarly, Margin money subsidy upto Rs.25 lakhs is given on the term loans availed under Stand-up India scheme by SC/ST/Women powerloom entrepreneurs.
6. Solar Energy Scheme for Powerlooms: Subsidy ranging from 50% to 90% is given for installation of Solar Energy system by powerloom weavers.
7. Financial support is also given for modernization/ upgradation of Powerloom Service Centres and equity participation is also done under Tex Venture Capital Fund. In addition, for providing handholding support and increasing awareness, a toll free helpline number and a user friendly online portal are operational.

Apart from the above, duty on customs leviable has been increased from 10% to 20% against majority of Man-Made Fibre (MMF) fabric lines and silk to promote domestic fabric manufacturing industry and protect it against cheap imports.
