SAATHI INITIATIVE

## 2707. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:
(a) the salient features and objectives of the Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries initiative (SAATHI);
(b) whether the scheme is purported to be helping to ease the financial costs incurred by the small and medium powerlooms and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has identified any existing textile clusters to commence implementation of the project and if so, the details of clusters selected thereof;
(d) whether the scheme is likely to result in energy and cost savings for the entrepreneurs; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

## उत्तर <br> ANSWER <br> वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टक्टा) MINISTER OF STATEFOR 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 view to sustain and accelerate the adoption of energy efficient textile technologies in powerloom 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 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. Powerloom clusters at Ichalkaranji, Bhiwandi, Erode, Surat, Bhilwara and Panipat have been identified for pilot study.

