

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY  
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have formulated any National Action Plan for modernisation of textile industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by the Government for modernisation and upgradation of traditional weavers in the handicraft, powerloom and handloom sector in the country, particularly in the State of Manipur?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

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(a)&(b)The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for Textile and Jute Industries which is in operation since 01.04.1999 for a period of 5 years, i.e., up to 31.03.2004. There is no cap on funding under the scheme. It is an open-ended scheme depending on the capacity of the industry to absorb funds in bankable and technoeconomically feasible proposals. Loans under the scheme are extended by the nodal agencies/co-opted institutions to the identified segments of the industry for the projects in conformity with the scheme from their own resources. Government funding is limited to reimbursement of interest at 5% point on the interest charged by the lending agency on a project of technology upgradation in conformity with the scheme.

(c) For extending technical assistance and impart training facilities to powerloom weavers, Government has set up 43 powerloom service centres (PSCs). Out of the 43 PSCs, 21 PSCs have been selected for modernisation of their loomage and other training facilities. Government has taken up a programme of setting up CAD centre to provide design development, support, and support to powerloom sector. So far, 12 such CAD centres have already been setup under different TRAs.

To upgrade the traditional skill of carpet weavers and artisans in the country including in the state of Manipur, the steps taken include: upgradation of Regional Design and Technical Development Centres at Guwahati, Bangalore, Bhopal, Calcutta and Delhi; setting up of National level design center at Moradabad and Delhi to cater to design requirement of handicrafts sector; setting up of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology at Bhadohi with an objective to provide much needed support to carpet industry with facilities like designing, colour matching etc.; implementation of UNDP assisted project in wood crafts, cane & bamboo & carpets; training and holding of design workshop.

Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) extends assistants to the State Governments under developmental and welfare schemes for the over all development of the handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers. In order to upgrade skill of weavers, enhance their productivity and income, financial assistance is extended for training, acquisition and modernisation of looms, purchase of accessories, engagement of designers, design and infrastructural support, etc.