

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF HANDLOOM HANDICRAFT POWERLOOM
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the textiles made by powerloom, handloom and handicraft during the last three years;
- (b) if so, details thereof, category wise; and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether there has been a decline in production of textiles by these sectors during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (e) the total number of workers engaged in these sectors;
- (f) the total percentage of contribution in manufacturing price rise in this sector, and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for boosting the aforesaid sectors?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)& (b) : Yes, Sir. The production of cloth in the Powerloom, Handloom and Handicraft sector during the last three years is as under:

Year Powerloom (Mn.Sq.mtrs.) Handloom (Mn.Sq.mtrs.) Handicraft (Rs.in crore)

2002-03	25954	5980	2998.00
2003-04	26947	5493	3310.00
2004-05	28325	5722	3805.00

(c)&(d) : There has been a slight decline in the production of cloth by handloom sector which is highly decentralized in nature and production is estimated on the basis of delivery of hank yarn. Therefore, no single reason can be ascribed for this slight decrease in production. However the production from the year 2004-05 has again been on the upswing and during the first quarter of 2005-06 it has registered a growth of 17.9%.

(e) : The total number of workers engaged in Powerloom, Handloom and Handicraft sectors are as under:

S.No. Sector No. (in lakhs)

1	Powerloom	48.08
2	Handloom	65.51#
3	Handicraft	63.81

= Joint census of Handloom and Powerloom 1995-96.

(f) No such details are maintained in this Ministry.

(g) The Government through various schemes provides a conducive environment for the promotion and development of Powerloom, Handloom and Handicraft Sectors. Some of the important schemes being implemented in this regard are:

POWERLOOM SECTOR

- (i) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS)
- (ii) Modernization and Strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres
- (iii) Schemes for Integrated Textile Park (SITP)

HANDLOOM SECTOR

- (i) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna
- (ii) Design Development and Training Programme
- (iii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna
- (iv) Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

HANDICRAFT SECTOR

- (i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna
- (ii) Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme
- (iii) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Handicraft Artisans
- (iv) Workshed Schemes.