

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED HANDLOOM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme to promote the handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the same and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of yarn depots in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of yarn depots likely to be set up in various States by the end of the year 2006-07?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Ministry of Textiles has launched a new scheme titled as "Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme" for the development of handloom sector from the year 2005-06, with an outlay of Rs.40.00 crore for development of 20 handloom clusters throughout the country. Following a holistic approach, the scheme will cover the entire needs of the handloom sector in each cluster for supply of raw materials, marketing support, design inputs, up gradation of technology and welfare of the weavers. Customised programmes will be developed for each cluster after a detailed survey and requirement analysis. National Resource Agency and the Implementing agencies for the identified handloom clusters have been selected. Cluster Development Executives have been trained and sent to the assigned clusters to study the need based requirements of the clusters.

(c) & (d) : So far 169 yarn depots in 65 clusters have been set up. There is a proposal to open 165 more yarn depots.