

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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POWERLOOM CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up powerloom cluster in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the time by which it is likely to be set up;
- (c) whether there is also any proposal to set up six Handloom Export Zones in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): 45 Powerloom clusters have been identified throughout the country. Out of these, 3 centres namely Erode (Tamil Nadu), Bhiwandi (Maharashtra) and Bhilwara (Rajasthan) are being developed as powerloom mega clusters under Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme. Besides this, Government has also taken up development of eight clusters, under Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Cluster Development, as under:-

(1) Burhanpur (Madhya Pradesh) (2) Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh) (3) Ranaghat (West Bengal) (4) Umergaon (Gujarat) (5) Amritsar (Punjab) (6) Karur (Tamil Nadu) (7) Bhilwara (Rajasthan) and (8) Mau (Uttar Pradesh)

The scheme will be implemented in next 5 years.

- (c): There is no proposal to set up Handloom Export Zones in the country.
- (d): Doesn't arise in view of (c) above.