

6. Group Insurance Scheme for powerloom workers.
7. Health Insurance Scheme for powerloom weavers.
8. Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD)
 - (i) Buyer Seller Meet
 - (ii) Exposure visit
 - (iii) Seminars & Workshops
9. New components launched in October, 2003 under ISPSD
 - (i) Common Facility Centre (CFC)
 - (ii) Corpus for yarn bank
 - (iii) Pilot scheme for Tex. Venture Capital Fund.

Welfare schemes or package for weavers of Varanasi

770. SHRI ALOK TIWARI :

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has announced financial package/schemes for weavers of Varanasi during visit of Prime Minister and Textile Minister there in November, 2014, if so, the details thereof, Scheme-wise; and

(b) the details of welfare measures Government would take under the announced schemes/package for the weavers of Varanasi, Scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) No, Sir. The Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to Varanasi laid foundation stone for setting up of Trade Facilitation Centre and Crafts Museum at Bada Lalpur on 7th November 2014.

(b) Do not arise.

Promotion of handicrafts of Gujarat

771. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether government is aware of potential of Gujarat in developing handicrafts sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps Government proposes to take to tap the potential of the State in this regard; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take to promote the export of handicrafts made in Gujarat in a big way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are nearly 1.42 Lac artisans practicing Embroidery work, Patch work, Tie and Dye, Hand block Printing, Bead work, Wood carving, cane and Bamboo, Agate Stone/Artificial Jewellery, Zari and Zardousi etc. in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) The Government is implementing following schemes for promotion of handicrafts, including export thereof on all India basis including Gujarat:

- (i) Baba Saheb Hastshilp Vikas Yojana
- (ii) Design and technology upgradation scheme
- (iii) Marketing support and services scheme
- (iv) Research and development scheme
- (v) Human and resource development scheme
- (vi) Handicrafts artisans comprehensive welfare scheme
- (vii) Infrastructure and technology development scheme

Further a Mega cluster Project is being implemented at Kutch for integrated and comprehensive development and promotion of exports handicraft from the Region.

Export of textiles

772. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

- (a) the total export of textiles, in value terms, during the last three years;
- (b) whether it was as per the country's potential; and
- (c) if not, the steps being taken to increase the export of textiles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) The total export of textiles including handicrafts, in value terms, during the last three years was as under:

						(in USD Million)
2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		
Targets	Achievement	Targets	Achievement	Targets	Achievement	
28130	32945.16	31000	34930.05	34000	39450.63	

Source: DGCI&S and RFD Targets

- (b) The textile exports sector has been able to achieve the targets.
- (c) Do not arise.