

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Presently Amritsar is not open for goods traffic. However, Goods loading can take place from nearby stations like Chheharta, Beas, Tarn Taran, Batala, etc. Goods train can directly reach Ahmedabad from these stations.

Setting up of powerloom mega cluster at Erode, Tamil Nadu

3508. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether setting up of Powerloom Mega Cluster at Erode in Tamil Nadu is held up due to one reason or the other, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is taking any corrective measures for effective coordination with the State Government to complete this project within a definite time-line; and

(c) if so, the details of such steps taken or proposed to be taken in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) Under Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme, the Powerloom Mega Cluster Project-Phase-I at Erode has three components - the Weekly Market, the Daily Market and the Exposition Hall. Of these components, the Weekly Market is in operation; in the Daily Market, 228 shops have been allotted; and the Exposition Hall is under construction.

(b) and (c) Under the scheme guidelines, the project is monitored by a Cluster Coordination Committee headed by the District Collector. Further, the Ministry of Textiles has held review meetings with the SPV and the Cluster Management and Technical Agency (CMTA). Also, Textile Commissioner has held coordination meetings with stakeholders and State Government officials. Penalty has been imposed on the SPV and CMTA for delay in completion of the Project.

Clearance of proposals of Chhattisgarh Handicraft Development Board

†3509. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry from Chhattisgarh Handicraft Development Board during the last one year, the details thereof;

(b) the number of proposals that have been approved so far and by when the pending proposals are likely to be approved; and

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