

PILOT SCHEME OF IN-SITU UPGRADATION OF PLAIN POWERLOOMS FOR SSI POWERLOOM SECTOR

Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), which was introduced on 01.04.1999 has helped overcome technological obsolescence and created economies of scale in the Textile Sector. The decentralized powerloom sector has also derived substantial benefits under TUFS by installing shuttleless looms and automatic looms. However, some of the economically weaker powerloom units in India are still in their original shape and desire to go for In-situ modernization for their existing plain powerlooms. Such requirement of In-situ upgradation by the economically weaker Powerloom units cannot be met under TUFS as (i) minimum benchmark is Automatic Looms (ii) such low end plain powerloom owners do not find it feasible to straightaway upgrade to Auto Looms. Therefore Government decided to provide financial assistance to economically weaker plain powerlooms units for upgradation of their existing ordinary loom with additional features likes weft stop motion, warp stop motion, semi-positive let off motion, Efficient breaking device, anti-crack devise, replacement of metallic parts by self lubricative nylon parts, doobby, jacquard etc.

1. Objective:

The prime objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to economically weaker low-end powerloom units where the benefits of the TUFS has not reached, to improve quality and productivity of the fabric being produced by upgrading existing plain loom with certain additional attachments and enable them to face the competition in domestic and international markets.

2. Period of Scheme

New Pilot Scheme of In-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerloom for SSI Powerloom Sector will be in operation from the date of issue of this notification till completion of 12th Five Year Plan (2013-14 to 2016-17).

3. Eligible Units

- (i) Powerloom permit / Acknowledgement against Information Memorandum issued by Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner for installation of

the Powerlooms is a pre-requisite for availing of assistance under the scheme.

- (ii) The size of the powerloom unit as per Powerloom Permit / Acknowledgement for availing the benefit under the scheme is maximum eight existing plain powerlooms. Preference would given to those units having maximum two to four looms in household units and / or within one shed among the eligible units.
- (iii) A unit should have electricity bill in it's name or in the name of the owner of the unit/ power sharing agreement between lessor and lessee, if the premises is on rent basis.

4. Quantum of Subsidy

- i) Govt. of India shall provide financial assistance to the extent of **50%** of the cost of the upgradation attachments / kits, doobby and jacquard subject to maximum subsidy **Rs. 15,000/-** per powerloom and the maximum subsidy to a powerloom unit holding eight powerlooms would be **Rs. 1,20,000/-**.
- ii) Office of TXC would prescribe maximum rates for these admissible attachments from time to time on enrolling / registering the manufactures of the attachments / kits.
- iii) The above subsidy will be extended for both credit linked or otherwise.
- iv) A beneficiary already covered / availed benefit under the scheme would be eligible to get fresh benefit of the scheme for subsequent looms owned by the unit only after a period of three years.

5. Attachments for upgradation of plain powerloom

The existing plain loom is to be upgraded with following additional features (attachment):

- i) Weft stop motion (Optical Weft Feeler)
- ii) Warp stop motion (Electro mechanical warp stop motion for spun yarn or photocell type for filament yarn with loom stopping mechanism).
- iii) Semi-positive let off motion
- iv) Efficient braking device (electro-mechanical).

- v) Anti Crack device.
- vi) Replacement of metallic parts by self-lubricating nylon parts (like shedding roller, picking cams, picking bowl, crank bushes etc. having life more than 2 years)
- vii) Mechanical Dobby (steel).
- viii) Jacquard (steel).

6. Eligibility of the attachments, doobby and jacquard

- (i) New indigenous attachments, doobby and jacquard purchased from indigenous manufacturers empanelled/registered with the Office of the Textile Commissioner or their authorised distributors / dealers shall be eligible under this scheme. The right of the Textile Commissioner is reserved for the selection criteria for empanelling / registering the attachment / kit manufacturers. *A list of eligible machinery manufacturers is at Appendix- I. (will be included as soon as it is ready)*
- (ii) The above attachments, on which subsidy has been availed under this scheme, shall not be eligible for any other subsidy provided by Government of India under any other scheme.

7. Implementation

- (i) The scheme will be implemented by the office of the textile commissioner through its Regional Offices and Powerloom Service Centers under TxC-PSCs & TRA-PSCs/State Govt. Agencies.
- (ii) The weaver / entrepreneur of the unit will apply in the prescribed format at **Format-I** to the nearest Powerloom Service Center OR the concerned Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner (RO) giving the details of the attachments / kits to be installed for 'in-principle approval'.
- (iii) In-principle approval would be granted by concerned Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner within 21 working days of the receipt of the application and approval would be intimated to the unit to acquire / purchase the attachments / kits. In principle approval would be valid for a period of 6 months within which weavers are required to install kits/attachments and submit their claims to RO of TxC.

- (iv) The weaver / entrepreneur of the unit will purchase the attachments / kits and install the same on Powerlooms. Thereafter, the weaver/entrepreneur shall submit the claim to the respective Powerloom Service Centre / Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner supported with details as per **Format-II** once the upgradation of looms with new attachments is completed.
- (v) The Regional offices of the Textile Commissioner will depute Joint Inspection Team (JIT) for inspection of the unit for verification of the installation & commissioning of the attachment / kits. The team of JIT will consist of at least three members including one member from Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner, one member from Powerloom Service Centre and third one from different office, viz. Textile Research Association or representative of Indian Textile Accessories & Machinery Manufacturers' Association (ITAMMA) or Textile Machinery Manufacturers' Association (India) (TMMA) or Textiles Committee or Powerloom Development & Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL), available in the region. The JIT will carry out inspection to confirm satisfactory installation of the attachments / kits and send the JIT report in **Format-III** (two copies) duly filled and signed along with all the related documents to concerned Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner. The Officer-in-charge of Regional Office of the Textile Commissioner after examining the said reports, will forward his certificate / recommendation in **Format-IV** along with copy of **Format-III** alone to Powerloom Development Cell of Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai for scrutiny and release of eligible subsidy amount to the applicant units within 45 days from the submission of claim.

8. Other Conditions

- (i) The subsidy will be provided on the basic value of attachments / kits excluding tax components.
- (ii) The standards of the attachments / kits necessary for registration shall be prescribed by the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai.

(iii) The Textile Commissioner has the right to recover the subsidy amount along with simple interest in case it is found / proved that the unit has availed the subsidy by furnishing false information / documents.

9. Safeguards to ensure benefit flow to beneficiaries:

Engraving / punching / marking of a manufacturer registration No., attachments / kits code no, and the running serial number would be done on each attachment/kits as prescribed from time to time. There would be a ten-digit identification code for each attachments / kits. The ten-digit identification code will include the following:

- The first three digits (000) of the identification code will indicate unique manufacturer registration No. for each manufacturer which has been allotted by the Textile Commissioner at the time of empanelling the manufacturer.
- The next two digits (00) are to be punched / engraved / marked besides three digit unique manufacturer Registration No. on each attachments / kits. The identification code for the attachments / kits are as under:

Attachments / kits	Code No.
Weft stop motion	01
Warp stop motion	02
Semi-positive let off motion	03
Efficient braking device	04
Anti Crack device	05
Replacement of metallic parts by self-lubricating nylon parts	06
Dobby	07
Jacquard	08

- The next five digits (00000) will indicate running serial number of attachments / kits of that manufacturer produced under the scheme. The five digit running Serial No. for each type of attachments / kits will be given by the respective manufacturer and is to be punched / engraved / marked next to attachments / kits code assigned by the Textile Commissioner.

- The upgraded loom under the scheme will also be identified by punching / engraving of 'In-principle Registration No.' issued by Regional office of the Textile Commissioner to the applicant unit by the JIT to prevent duplicate benefits on same loom.
- The component-wise identification marking to be made is as under:
 - Warp Stop Motion – The identification mark should be engraved/punched at each side on the individual sliding bars.
 - Weft Stop Motion (Optical Weft Feeler) – The identification mark should be engraved/punched on solenoid valves
 - Efficient braking device – The identification mark should be engraved/punched on solenoid valves
 - Self-lubricating nylon parts - The packet containing self-lubricating nylon parts would be stamped with indelible ink and packet should be preserved for JIT inspection. Further individual nylon parts should also carry an identification number.
 - Semi-positive let-off motion – The identification mark should be engraved/punched on the bracket on which the semi-positive let-off motion is mounted.
 - Dobby & Jacquard – The identification mark should be engraved/punched on the side frame (Left & Right).

10. Monitoring of the progress of subsidy on attachments

The office of the Textile Commissioner will monitor the progress of the scheme through RO / PSCs for the impact of the scheme on beneficiaries. Concurrent evaluation would be carried out to measure outcome of the scheme and it shall be reported to the Ministry of Textiles by office of the Textile Commissioner.

11. Grievance:

Grievance of the beneficiaries after purchase and installation of the attachments under this scheme would be considered by a grievance committee under the chairmanship of Textile Commissioner and comprise of such members as Textile Commissioner deems fit.
