VIII. <u>Grant In Aid and Modernization/Upgradation of Powerloom</u> Service Centres

15 Powerloom Service Centres under Office of the Textile Commissioner (Tx.C), 26 Textile Research Associations (TRAs) and 6 State Govt. are running and located across the country. The PSCs are offering various services like training, sample testing, design development, consultancy, conducting seminar/workshop, etc. to the powerloom sector on behalf of the Govt.

The Grant-in-Aid (GIA) provided to the PSCs of TRAs/state Govt. agencies is mainly for the recurring expenses for running the PSCs for providing the services to powerloom sector. The Grant-in-Aid to the PSCs of TRAs/State Government Agencies will be sanctioned by the Textile Commissioner as norms fixed by the Ministry.

The Govt. of India assistance will be provided for modernization and upgrading the Powerloom Service Centres with the facilities which are required in the cluster. This would include improving testing facilities and also installing modern looms to create awareness of the latest available technologies and provide training. Further, the Powerloom Service Centres would also be provided with Preparatory machines, Testing instruments, Sewing machines for Garment and Apparel, Embroidery Machines, Design Development facilities etc.