Bhagalpur Power Loom Cluster

1	Name of the Cluster	Bhagalpur Power loom
2	Place	Bhagalpur
3	District	Bhagalpur
4	State	Bihar
5	No of firms (by type)	1200 units
6	No. of workers	30000
7	Turnover	20000 million
8	Associations in cluster	Bhagalpur Power loom Weavers Association
9	Major products	• Silk & Cotton Dress material. • Saree • Salwar Suits, Dupatta • Kurta- Pyjama • Bed Sheets • Scarves • Curtains • Table Covers, • Napkins.
10	Specific and relevant technical institutions (R&D, Testing Lab accredited)	
11	Major markets	Kolkata
12	Major problems/prospects	• Almost all the weaving & other process is the conventional one. • The main problem is faced by the industries is regarding the acute power cut due to which they have high manufacturing cost per unit. • There is a total absence of scientific and professional system of management. • The working conditions of the labor are poor and even hazardous to their health. • Most of entrepreneur have no awareness about the access to export market and totally depends of brokers/traders • In the cluster weaving is the family business & the weavers found very difficult to survive because of fluctuation of price & no order. • Most of the Industries & Entrepreneurs are showing their unwillingness to avail Govt. subsidies because volume of initial investment is very high. • Banks are not ready to provide the loan to the entrepreneurs even though they are ready to mortgage their m/c. • Labor is available easily but the problem is that they are unskilled & because of which production rate is low.
13	Data source and updated on	DSR by Wasim Raza, Technical Officer, Power loom Service Centre