ABSTRACT:

This dissertation looks into the question ‘is the birth of powerlooms a blessing or a curse’. Since we all know, Pakistan’s economic situation is becoming worse day by day, and since textile sector is the backbone of our economy, this question came to my mind and I started researching to find out in detail about this topic. Pakistan is currently facing a very grim economic situation. Pakistani textile industry is one of the most established and recognized industries around the globe. It has been facing a lot of issues since a long time now which is effecting our production of cloth a lot. The most destructive is the electricity problem.

All the weaving was being done on handlooms till the 17th century. This was very tedious, required a lot of manual labor and was also an extremely slow process. Until Edmond Cartwright, around 1784 invented the first powerloom which made the job of making cloth a lot easier.

Power looms slowly replaced the handlooms in industries. But at the same time, the weavers were made to abandon the craft of hand loom weaving because it was a slow and tedious process. So, due to this change of technique, both, positives and negatives were observed.

This dissertation contains all the library research that I have been doing by reading books and going through newspapers. Also, it contains all the interviews that I conducted from people from different fields to investigate deeper into my topic.