

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:128
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
PRODUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL FIBRES
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are giving more encouragement to the production of artificial fibres than cotton yarns;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to take up a campaign to intensify cotton production in the interest of public health as cotton cloth is best suited for this tropical country;
- (d) whether any scientific study has been made to find out the best suited clothing fibre material for the people of our country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES

(SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.128 FOR 3.3.2000

(a & b) No Sir,

(c) Government has set up the Technology Mission on Cotton in order to improve the productivity & quality of cotton and thereby facilitating its availability for the user industry for production of desired quality of textiles for the domestic consumers as well as for exports, from the current year, 1999-2000.

(d) & (e) Suitability of fabric/cloth has been established for various climatic conditions. In our country having varied climatic conditions, type of cloth requirement also varies from region to region. However, most of the area of the country being tropical in nature, Cotton, viscose and cotton/viscose blended cloth/fibre are best suited clothing material for the people of our country. Polyester and other synthetic fibres/yarns with low moisture (Sweat) absorbing capability, unlike cotton and viscose/cellulosic fibres/yarns, are also consumed when blended with cotton or viscose in suitable proportion to provide the reasonable moisture absorption capability. In the northern hills and other hilly areas having temperate climate, even fully man-made fibre textiles are also consumed.