

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING CENTRES FOR DESIGN MAKERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have explored the possibility of associating Indian Silk Export Promotion Council with SERIFED in conducting training and promotion of silk export;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government propose to arrange training centres for upcoming design makers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the assistance given to the textile industry in Kannur which is one of the most famous and oldest textile centres in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES

(SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

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

Statement in respect of Parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 484 for 28/04/2000 regarding training centres for design makers.

(a) The Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC) has associated with SERIFED, Andhra Pradesh and SERIFED, Kerala in activities relating to marketing and export of silk goods.

(b) SERIFED, Andhra Pradesh has associated with Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai (ISEPC) in the Development of Exportable Products for Marketing (DEPM) Project sponsored by the Development Commissioner (Handlooms). SERIFED, Andhra Pradesh developed Dupion Silk Fabric Samples and participated in Heimtextil Fair, Frankfurt in January, 2000. SERIFED, Kerala associated with ISEPC, when it conducted a seminar in September 1998 jointly with Central Silk Board (CSB) and Institute of Handlooms Textile Technology (IHTT). The seminar related to Silk Export Awareness.

(c) & (d) Training to upcoming design makers is provided through National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) and twenty four (24) Weavers' Service Centres of the office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms).

(e) There is a Weavers' Service Centre at Kannur. In addition, the CSB has conducted a Technology Upgradation Programme and a Silk Export Awareness Programme in September, 1998 and deputed its technical experts in 1998-99 to help Co-operative Societies at Kannur in designing and loom modifications for silk weaving and development of silk products like furnishings, dress material, sarees etc.