

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Fashion Technology has undertaken any steps to boost the export growth especially in cotton fabrics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any research development in design and education on handloom products has been done by NIFT;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which the Government propose to take steps in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

(a) & (b) - National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) is an educational Institution for training professional manpower for the textile and garment industry across the country. The manpower produced by NIFT works with various exporters, Government and non-Government organizations and thereby contribute to the growth of exports in the entire textile sector including cotton fabrics.

(c) & (d) - Every year a large number of students of various programmes of NIFT, visit important clusters of Handlooms and document their findings on the basis of field situation and make number of useful suggestions for implementation of the design products etc. relevant for the contemporary market. Several projects from time to time are also undertaken by NIFT on design and product development in the Handloom sector such as Design Development for Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB), Priyadarshni Handlooms, Handlooms & Textiles, Design and prototype development and marketing of Khadi products, high fashion men, women and kids wear using handloom fabrics, capacity building project with Kota sarees cluster in Rajasthan and Chanderi Sarees Cluster in Madhya Pradesh, etc.

NIFT has also prepared Trend development forecasts for Handloom fabrics for the National Centre for Textile Design.

(e) Question does not arise.