

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government propose to make India a leader in Fashion Technology by giving Fashion Technology Institutions a status similar to AIIMS and IIT;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to boost the export of fashion items?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, the Government proposes to grant the status of Institution of National Importance to the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) through an Act of Parliament. A Bill in this regard is likely to be introduced in the current Session of Parliament.

(c) Government is taking serious look at the Fashion Education in the changing business context of opening of World Economies. Various Institutions like NIFT, Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) etc. impart training in the field of fashion related courses. These courses prepare and train professionals to meet the challenges of the dynamic and global market in promoting India's export trade for textiles, garments, lifestyles products and other fashion goods. Besides, these Institutions / EPCs organize and participate in the national and international level Fashion Shows, Buyer-Seller Meets etc. The Government provides all possible assistance to many such events which can boost the export of inter-alia fashion items.