

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VISIT OF TEXTILE GIANTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether textile giants from European Union countries visited India to identify partners for outsourcing production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in addition, industries in England, Germany, France and Hungary have started talks with Indian manufacturers in New Delhi and Mumbai for collaboration in every stage of production in textile industry from yarns to garments;
- (d) if so, the details, thereof;
- (e) whether European players are also looking at outsourcing manufacturing in technical textiles such as bullet-proof vests, etc.; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (f): India is one of the leading exporters of textiles and apparels to the European Union, and the representatives of European companies undertake visits to India in connection with sourcing of their requirements of textiles and apparel products. Besides, the Industry Associations, Chambers of Commerce and the Textile Export Promotion Councils also invite overseas buyers, including those from the Member States of European Union, for participation in the various Fairs/Exhibitions/Seminar. In addition, some of the prominent buyers/retailers of the brands like H&M, Tesco, Carrefour, Elcorte, Mango, Zara, Cotefield, OTTO, Tom Tailor, Karstadt, C&A, Kappahl, French Connection, Esprit, GroupoCoin, etc. have already their presence in India for sourcing apparels. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), which has a cooperation agreement with four European Federations of the Textile and Apparel Industry (Confederation of the German Textile and Fashion Industry; British Apparel & Textile Confederation; Union des Industries Textiles, France; and Hungarian Apparel Manufacturers Association to promote Indo-European cooperation in textiles and apparels) is organizing special event in March, 2006 to promote Indo-European cooperation in textiles and apparels, including those for technical textiles.