

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TEXTILE MACHINERY
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of textile machinery in the country is less than its demand and the manufacturers are facing difficulties for want of machines; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the government to meet the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) & (b): The total domestic demand for Textile Ministry during 2004-05 was estimated at Rs.4,195 crore of which imported machinery constituted Rs.2,964 crore. Supplies from domestic industry amounted to Rs.1,231 crore aggregating to 29% of the total demand. The present installed capacity of Textiles Machinery in the country is estimated to be around Rs.3050 crore per annum. The Government has already liberalized import of textile machinery as all machinery (new and second-hand) is allowed to be imported under OGL. Keeping in view the vast projected demand for textile machinery in the coming years, the domestic manufacturers have increased their production substantially and are gearing up to further increase their capacities to meet the demand of the domestic textile industry. The production of textile machinery has registered an increase of 28% during the calendar year 2005 over the production of the preceding year.