

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF TEXTILE SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to merge the two textile schemes i.e. Apparel Parks for Export and TCID;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Institute of Design has tied up with NGOs to produce high quality and cost competitive garments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)&(b) In view of the experience gained during the last three years of the operation of 'Apparel Parks for Exports' and 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development' Schemes, Government has undertaken a mid-course review of the two Schemes with the basic objective of bringing in urgency in implementation of the Schemes. Extensive discussions have been held in the Inter-Ministerial meetings with the stake holders/State Governments, wherein it was proposed to effect modifications in the Schemes to bring in proper targeting, aggressive marketing, involvement of private sector and to increase the level of assistance under the two Schemes.

(c)&(d) The National Institute of Design (NID) has one of the disciplines viz. Apparel & Textile Design and this Department has worked with varied Government/ Non-Government Organisations and other organisations including Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for providing design inputs to products. NID has also assisted Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) with design inputs for setting up a centre which also has activities related to garment production. NID's contribution is limited to providing design inputs and is not related to production or manufacturing of garments.