

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PROBLEMS OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN UTTAR PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the textile industry in the country specially in Uttar Pradesh is facing difficulties;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA )

(a) & (b) The textile industry including that in Uttar Pradesh is facing the problem of technological obsolescence, fiscal anomalies, low productivity, infrastructural constraints and structural rigidities.

(c) To overcome these difficulties, the Government have taken the following initiatives:

- i) Rationalisation of fiscal duty structure undertaken so as to attract investment and modernisation;
- ii) Launching of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector;
- iii) For accelerating modernization of the powerlooms segment of the textile industry, 20 % Capital assistance is available on investment upto Rs.100 Lakhs in specified machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs.20 lakh on amount of assistance;
- iv) Announcement of a package for restructuring of debt portfolios of potentially viable textile units having debt exposure of Rs.2 crore and above;
- v) De-reservation of the woven segment of readymade garments from the SSI sector. In the Union Budget 2005-06, an announcement has been made for de-reservation of 30 hosiery items from the SSI;
- vi) A centrally sponsored scheme titled "Apparel Park for Export Scheme" launched for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports;
- vii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme titled "Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme" (TCIDS) has also been launched;
- viii) Cotton Technology Mission launched to improve the productivity and quality of cotton;