

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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EFFECTS OF QUOTA FREE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether quota-free system for textile sector to do business with other countries, expected to create more employment opportunities in the field;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the role of the Apparel Export Promotion Council will be limited in this scenario;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the AEPC have any diversion plans so as to exist; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

(a) & (b) According to a study by CRISIL (commissioned by Indian Cotton Mills Federation), the Indian textiles and apparel industry can achieve a potential size of US\$ 85 billion by 2010. This would create 12 million job opportunities, comprising 5 million direct jobs in textile industry and 7 million jobs in allied sectors.

(c) to (f) In the quota-free regime, the focus of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)'s activities would be oriented to export promotion, training of shop-floor level workers, and for servicing the garment export industry. In addition to the above, the Council is also supervising the operation of residuary provisions of the Garment and Knitwears Export Entitlement (Quota) Policies with effect from 1-1-2005.

The Council has embarked on a programme of modernisation/expansion of the Apparel Training and Design Centres (ATDC) centres in order to cater to the growing skilled man-power requirements of garment industry at shopfloor and supervisory levels.

Besides, the AEPC is also constructing an Apparel International Mart at Gurgaon to provide a world class facility to the apparel exporters to showcase their products and serve as one stop shop for reputed international buyers.