

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL TEXTILE POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to systemize the production of Textile sector;
- (b) whether 'National Textile Policy' needs improvement to achieve above goal; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) The National Textile Policy was announced in November 2000 to develop a strong and vibrant textile industry, capable of meeting the challenges of changed global environment. At present there is no proposal with the Government to bring about a change in the policy..

In pursuance of above policy the Government have taken following initiatives to systemize the production of Textile sector :

- (i) Rationalisation of fiscal duty structure 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 lakh 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 ambit of SSI;
- (vi) Launching of "Apparel Park for Export Scheme" 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) Launching of 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme' (TCIDS) for upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers;
- (viii) Launching of "Cotton Technology Mission" to improve the productivity and quality of cotton;