

Pathanamthitta, which was not found feasible

### Development of textile industry

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the textile industry is facing crisis of finance and raw material,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Union Government have received any proposal/ request from any State Governments especially from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for providing financial assistance of other facilities in order to meet the requirements of raw materials etc. for the textile mills,

(d) if so the details thereof,

(e) whether textile is the major foreign exchange earner for the country, and

(f) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken for the development of domestic textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK  
GEHLOT) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise

(e) Yes, Sir

(f) Government have taken several measures for development of textile industry, like,

(i) The Liberalised industrial policy announced by Government on 25-7-91 has removed ban in setting up of the textile units subject to certain locational guidelines

(ii) All capital goods including second hand machinery has been placed under OGL for import for development of the domestic industry. Capital goods are also allowed to be imported at a concessional rate of Customs duty at the rate of 15% and 25% subject to an export obligation of four times the CIF value to be fulfilled over a period of 5 years and 3 times the CIF value to be fulfilled over a period of 4 years respectively

(iii) Import duty on Textile Machinery has been brought down from 5% to 55%

### Modernisation of handlooms and Rehabilitation of Weavers

788 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether any conference of handloom weavers was organised at Masras in May, 1992,

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have received any representation from the said conference for the modernisation of handlooms sector and the rehabilitation of weavers;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the action taken/promised to be taken by the Government thereon so far?