

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH STUDY ON TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Textile Industry is facing technological obsolescence;
- (b) if so; the details thereof;
- (c) whether research is being carried out to remove the technological obsolescence in the industry; and
- (d) if so, the details of research being done and the scheme proposed to remove the technological obsolescence?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 364 FOR 14.12.2000.

(a) & (b): To deal with technological obsolescence in the textile industry and to ensure timely and adequate modernization, the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) and the Technology Mission on Cotton have been launched by the Government.

(c): Textile Research Associations (TRAs), Textile Machinery R&D Centre, IIT, Mumbai and other textile related institutions conduct research on machinery and process development in the textile industry to address the issue of technological obsolescence.

(d): TRAs and other organisations are conducting research in various areas, including the development of pre cleaners and automatic cotton bailing press suitable to Indian ginneries, design and development for measuring the fabric handle, retrofit of Rapiers on to shuttle-looms, wear resistance of Textile Machinery components, design of weft insertion system for Rapier-looms in weaving segment and development of solar and yarn drying machines etc. in processing segment. Government of India have launched the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for modernization of textile and jute industry for a period of 5 years, w.e.f. 1.4.99. Government of India has also launched Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) w.e.f., 21st February, 2000, of which Mini Mission - IV provides for modernisation of ginning & pressing factories.