

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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NEW TEXTILE POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest status of new textile policy;
- (b) whether all the State Governments would be consulted before formulating this policy;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be announced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d) An Expert Committee was Constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.R.Sathyam to, inter-alia, review the impact of the existing Textile Policy and suggest policy measures for the industry to focus on changes resulting from over-all trade policy reforms. The Committee drew up its report after wide consultation with institutions and organisations representing the various sectors of the industry, including State Governments. The Committee has submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee mostly focus on measures to secure progressive increase in production and exportable surplus, removal of technological obsolescence, strengthen the competitive framework of all segments of the textile industry, removal of avoidable regulations and facilitation for orderly transition of the industry to that of a market oriented forward looking industry. The New Textile Policy, that takes the Expert Committee Report into account, is still under consideration and may take some more time to finalise.