

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4377  
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JOINT TEXTILE BUSINESS COUNCIL WITH CHINA  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have mooted a Joint Textile Business Council between China and India to boost export of jute and silk;
- (b) if so, whether this concept has been discussed with China;
- (c) if so, the outcome of such discussions; and
- (d) the time by which such a Joint Textile Business Council is likely to become functional ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A Chinese Textile delegation under the leadership of Vice President, China National Textile Industry Council had visited India in March 2002. The visiting Chinese delegation also met Secretary (Textiles), in which informal exchanges were held on building co-operation between the two countries in the field of textiles including Jute and Silk. A proposition was also made to evolving a Joint Consultative Forum, but it was not pursued.