

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the textiles committee which was set up in order to improve the quality of textiles and textile machinery as also to promote its domestic use and export also charge a cess;
- (b) if so, the date from which the said cess was charged and the rate thereof and the total amount charged as cess during the last three years;
- (c) the amount spent out of the said amount and the heads on which it had been spent during the last three years; and
- (d) the average annual budget of the said committee during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Textiles Committee was set up in 1963 for ensuring the quality of textiles and textile machinery and for the matters connected with these. The Committee charges the cess on textile and all textile machinery manufactured in India, except textiles manufactured by the handloom and powerloom industry. The Textiles Committee Cess was levied from 1st April, 1975, @ 0.025% at ad-valorem on textiles and all textile machinery manufactured in India. The rate of cess was changed from 0.025% to 0.050% ad-valorem from 1st June, 1977. The total amount charged as cess by the Committee during the last three years is Rs.13029.45 lakhs

(c) The proceeds of cess collected by the Textiles Committee are credited to the Consolidated Fund of India as per Section 5F of the Textiles Committee Act, 1963. In return, Government of India, provides an annual non-plan grant by way of appropriation to the Textiles Committee. The Committee utilises this grant on major activities like

(i) Assistance to exporters in the form of quality inspection, certification with respect to loom origin, country origin (GSP), and classification of apparels;

(ii) Testing of textiles, chemicals, dyes and effluents through 17 laboratories all over India;

(iii) Consultancy on implementation of ISO 9000 Quality Management System (QMS), ISO 14000 Environmental Management System (EMS) and Social Accountability (SA) 8000 Standards;

(iv) Training to the industry personnel on testing, quality inspection and assessment;

(v) Industry specific Research & Development Studies/surveys/projects etc. (i.e. Processing Survey, Ginning Survey, Hand Processing Survey, Data Collection for Consumer Panel, Consumer Awareness Program etc.); and

(vi) Survey on consumption of textiles in household and other sectors. The total amount spent during the last three years by the Committee is Rs. 8110.8 lakhs

(d) The average annual sanctioned budget of the Committee during the last three years is Rs. 4142.71 lakhs.