

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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NON -TARIFF BARRIERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any fund to help the small scale textile producers who are badly affected by the non-tariff barriers such as the issue of "Azo Free Dyes";
- (b) if so, the details of total funds allocated in the current financial year; and
- (c) the schemes available for the small scale Indian producers which help to address the impact of non-tariff barriers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c) : There is no scheme specifically designed for textile producers who are affected by Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) such as azo-free dyes. NTBs are not institutional in nature and there is no comprehension of any scheme in this regard also. The WTO forum addresses the removal of NTB at multilateral forum/forums. However, the Government of India has set up network of testing laboratories, facilitating smooth international trade by way of meeting standards. This is administered by Textiles Committee on commercial basis.