

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SKILLED MANPOWER
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether textile sector is facing shortage of skilled manpower in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open new Apparel Training and Design Centre in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating their locations and the criteria adopted therefore; and
- (e) the details of such centres at present?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. At present approximately 35 million people are engaged in the textile sector. There is no specific data available on the quantum of shortage of skilled manpower.

(c) to (e) : Yes, Sir. At present, 18 Centres at Delhi, Jaipur, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Noida, Gurgaon, Ludhiana, Tirupur, Trivandrum, Mumbai, Indore and Surat have already been functioning. 7 other Apparel Training and Design Centres (ATDCs) at, Chennai, Trivandrum, Ghazibad, Kanpur, Faridabad, Bhubaneshwar and Gandhinagar are in a very active stage of opening. The setting up new ATDCs is dependent upon various factors i.e. recommendations of the study on technical manpower and training infrastructure in Indian Apparel Industry conducted by Textile Committee, demand of the workers at the shopfloor level in the existing textile clusters, manufacturing activities in the area to impart training to large number of students, recommendations of the State Government etc.