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TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has studied the major problems being faced by the textile industry of late;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Working Group on Textiles & Jute Industry for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) has studied the major problems being faced by the textile industry which include:-

- (i) structural weaknesses in weaving and processing;
- (ii) fragmented and technologically backward textile processing sector;
- (iii) fragmented garment industry;
- (iv) rigid labour laws;
- (v) inadequate capacity of the domestic textile machinery manufacturing sector;
- (vi) inadequate training facilities in textile sector; and
- (vii) infrastructural bottlenecks in terms of power, utility, road transport etc.

(c): Government has undertaken a series of progressive measures like introduction of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC), Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP), reduction in customs duty on import of state-of-the-art machinery, Debt Restructuring Scheme, setting up of Apparel Training and Design Centres (ATDCs), 100% Foreign Direct Investment in the textile sector under automatic route, setting up of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) etc. for upgrading and strengthening the textile sector in India. From time to time, in consultation with all stake holders, Government modifies these schemes so as to achieve better results through improved delivery of programmes/ schemes. These progressive measures have helped the textile sector to achieve improved growth in production, enhanced productivity and a larger share of textile export market in the world.