

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the textile industry is affected adversely due to non-availability of good quality cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make good quality cotton available at reasonable price to the small and medium weavers/textile entrepreneurs;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to provide subsidy or financial package to small weavers/textile entrepreneurs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): No Sir,

(b): Question does not arise. Cotton cultivation in India has in the recent past shown significant improvement in varietal composition (as per staple length) in favour of medium and long staple varieties from predominantly short and medium staple cotton produced till 1980s. .

(c) to (e): The Government of India has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in 2000 with the objectives of improvement in the production, productivity and quality of indigenous cotton and reduction in the cost of cultivation in a Mission mode. The TMC scheme has been continued during the 11th Five Year Plan till 31.3.2009. In order to facilitate modernization of weaving sector including small weavers /textile entrepreneurs, the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been extended in the 11th Five Year Plan. A Public-Private Partnership (PPP) based scheme viz Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP) was introduced in 2005 to provide the industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up textile units, including weaving and other segments and meeting international environmental and social standards. The scheme is applicable throughout the country.