

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2377  
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2010  
TEXTILE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for upgradation of laboratories and other research facilities at Textiles Research Associations (TRAs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to modernize textile engineering units;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b): There are eight TRAs which are being supported through plan allocation for Research and Development activities, including upgradation of laboratory and equipment facilities.
- (c) & (d): The Department of Heavy Industry is proposing a "Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in Capital Goods Sector in India" with initial budget support of Rs. 300 crore as Grant. The Scheme includes five sectors – (1) Machine Tools (2) Textile Machinery (3) Heavy Electrical Equipment (4) Mining & Construction Equipment (5) Process Plant Equipment.
- (e): Does not arise.