

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:188
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2009
TECHNOLOGICAL OBSOLESCENCE IN TEXTILES SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian textiles industry has suffered due to severe technological obsolescence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the textiles sector is demanding higher subsidy under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS); and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.188 FOR 16.7.2009.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Textile sector in India had been adversely affected by technological obsolescence. This was hampering the production as well as quality standards in the sector. Having realized the lacunae, Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) was introduced by Government of India in 1999 to ensure higher production with quality.

(c) & (d): There have been representations seeking higher subsidy under TUFS. However, Government reckons that the current level of assistance under TUFS is adequate and accordingly, does not contemplate any change in the structure of the scheme at this stage.