

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO JOBLESS TEXTILES WORKERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a policy for the rehabilitation of workers rendered jobless due to closure of textiles units in the country particularly in backward and rural areas;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to take help of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) for providing proper training to these workers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) centres functioning in the country at present, location-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up more such centres in the near future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Madam. There is no direct policy formulated by the Government of India to rehabilitate workers rendered unemployed due to closure to textile units. However, the Government of India launched a Textiles Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme on 15.09.1986 to provide interim relief to textile workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure of any particular portion or entire textile unit. Assistance under the Scheme is payable to eligible workers only for the purpose of enabling them to settle in another employment. Any worker is eligible provided he/she is engaged in a closed textile unit on the date of its closure continuously for five years or more and earning a wage equivalent of Rs.2500 per month or less for the mills closed between 6.6.1985 to 1.4.1993 and Rs.3500 or less thereafter. They should be contributing to the Provident Fund maintained by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner of the State concerned.

(b) & (c): NIFT has been organizing programmes for training /skill upgradation of artisan/craftsmen for helping them to get sustained employment.

(d): Presently 13 Centres of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) are functioning in the country as indicated below:-

Sr. No.	State	Location
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1	Delhi	Delhi
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2	Maharashtra	Mumbai
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3	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
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4	West Bengal	Kolkata
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5 Andhra Pradesh Hyderabad

6 Gujarat Gandhinagar

7 Karnataka Bangalore

8 Uttar Pradesh Rae Bareli

9 Kerala Kannur

10 Bihar Patna

11 Meghalaya Shillong

12 Madhya Pradesh Bhopal

13 Himachal Pradesh Kangra

In addition to above NIFT has one overseas centre in Mauritius

(e) & (f): On assumption of office, Minister of Textiles has addressed to all Chief Ministers regarding opening of a NIFT centre in the States and Union Territories which are so far deprived of such institution pointing out NIFT policy which specifies that land and infrastructure costs for setting up new NIFT Centres need to be met by State concerned. As per policy, the State Government is to provide approximately 10 acres of land free of cost and Rs.58.65 crores for creation of infrastructure.