

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:257

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN TEXTILES

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

- (a) the comparative share of India and China in the imports of United States of America (USA) in respect, of special purpose fabric, technical textiles and nonwoven fabric;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the Indian share in the imports of the USA;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive research and development policy so as to face competition from China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to enhance the country's capabilities to tap this growing market?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES.(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.257 FOR 12.12.2011.

(a): Technical textiles include inter alia special purpose fabric and non-woven fabric. For the year ending October, 2011, for special purpose fabric, China's share in US imports stood at 17.99% and India's share was 1.79%. Under non-woven fabrics, China had a share of 24.44% and India 6.4% in the imports of USA. (Source:- U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration Office of Textiles and Apparel)

(b): To promote the growth of Technical Textiles, government has taken several initiatives which include among others the Scheme for Growth and Development of Technical Textiles (SGDTT) launched in 2007-08; Technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT) from 2010 to 2014; and Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).

(c): There is a comprehensive policy for Research and Development to promote growth of Indian textiles, including Technical Textiles, both domestically and overseas. However, there is no Research and Development Policy specifically aimed at facing competition from China.

(d): To promote research and development in the Textile Sector, the 11th Plan Outlay under the Research and Development Scheme was enhanced from Rs. 10.00 crore to Rs. 34.00 crores. Under the Technology Mission on Technical Textiles, 8 Centres of Excellence (COEs) have been set up/upgraded in various areas of Technical Textiles including Meditech, Geotech, Sportech, Composites etc. to give a fillip to research, development and promotion of Technical Textiles. In addition, under TMTT, fund support is provided for Contract Research.