

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TUFS AND NATIONAL FIBRE POLICY
Sule Supriya

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) by another three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various textiles units/companies are facing difficulties in accessing to TUFS for fund mobilization;
- (d) if so, the measures taken to simplify the procedure of TUFS;
- (e) the number of looms functioning in the country, State-wise and occupation-wise;
- (f) whether the Government has constituted a working group to formulate the National Fibre Policy;
- (g) if so, the name of the members of the working group; and
- (h) the main functions and the main objectives of this policy?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) is approved for continuation upto 2012. There is no proposal to extend the scheme by another three year.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. TUFS has received overwhelming response from the industry and as on 30.6.2009, 25809 applications with a project cost of Rs. 179834 crores has been sanctioned.
- (e): The state-wise looms functioning in the country as on 30.9.2009 is at Annexure – I.
- (f): Yes, Madam. The Government of India constituted a Working Group on 'National Fibre Policy' on 29th July 2009 comprising Government organizations, Export Promotion Councils, Industry Associations and experts in the field drawn from eminent institutions/organizations.
- (g): The name of the members of the working group is at Annexure – II.
- (h): Terms of reference of the National Fibre Policy is at Annexure – III.