

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE DELEGATION TO JAPAN
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Trade Delegation visited Japan in July, 2009 to explore new markets for textiles exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India participated in the Japan International Fashion Fair held in Tokyo during July, 2009; and
- (d) if so, the outcome of the visit and the benefits derived from the participation by India in the fair?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. A delegation from India headed by the Minister of Textiles, and comprising senior officers of the Ministry and heads of Textiles Export Promotion Councils, besides representatives from the textiles industry visited Japan in July, 2009, when the Minister inaugurated the Indian pavilion at the International Fashion Fair, Tokyo. The delegation had high level discussions with Japan's textiles importers, Japan's Ministry of Economy, Textiles and Industry and major Japanese retail chains. The delegation also visited Japanese textiles facilities and fashion houses with a view to enhance India's presence in the textiles and clothing market of Japan. The visit has generated interest in India's textiles products among commercial and trade bodies in Japan. Commercial enquiries relating to setting up of installations in India have been received from a large Japanese house. A high level delegation from Japan representing Bunka Fashion College, Tokyo is visiting India shortly for high level talks in the area of fashion designing.