

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CERTIFICATION FOR ORGANIC TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced the National Certification for organic textiles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the likely impact of such a move on the exports of textiles from the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a & b) Yes, Madam. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce has launched the Indian standards for organic textile on 30th July, 2012 with the following objectives:

To ensure the veracity of the 'organic' status of fibre in textiles and apparels, right from the cultivation and harvesting of organic cotton through processing and labelling;

To provide assurance of the organic nature of the fibre used and to convey that the process of manufacturing has been done in a socially and environmentally sound manner.

(c) Introduction of Indian Standards for Organic Textile (ISOT) under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) will further strengthen the organic claims of textiles industry to boost organic textiles export. Introduction of ISOT will improve credibility of India organic textiles in the international market and thereby, the export of organic textiles would be increased.