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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for strengthening collaboration in textiles sector with Mauritius in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features and outcome of the said MoU;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the said MoU signed by both the countries?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on February 7, 2012 between the Ministry of Textiles of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Mauritius for collaboration in the field of textiles and clothing. The MoU seeks to enhance the trade & economic relations by expanding business and cooperation in the sphere of textiles and clothing including sericulture and silk and fashion industries between India and Mauritius. Under the MoU, a Joint committee on Textile & Clothing (T&C) sector was constituted between both the countries. The Joint Committee has held 2 rounds of meetings on July 23, 2012 in New Delhi and January 28, 2013 in Port Louis, Mauritius. The Joint Committee has successfully developed the following five MoUs between Institutions of both countries for deepening textiles sector collaboration:-

(i) MoU between Apparel Exports Promotion Council (AEPC) and Enterprise Mauritius (EM): For development of the Driving Industry in Sustainable Human Advancement (DISHA) programme in Mauritius. The MoU envisages AEPC enabling Enterprise Mauritius in partnership with the Mauritius in partnership with the Mauritius Standard Bureau and other stakeholders to develop the compliance code, the Toolkit and Guidance Document as well as training schedules.

(ii) MoU between Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) and Mauritius Standard Bureau (MSB): To establish cooperation in the field of standardization, quality assurance and conformity assessment activities, accreditation of laboratories and proficiency in testing as well as capacity building and information exchange.

(iii) MoU between Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) and National Productivity and Competitiveness Council (NPCC): To establish cooperation in the field of productivity and quality improvement.

(iv) MoU between Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) and Mauritius Export Association (MEXA): To establish cooperation in the field of fashion and design promotion, education and training through effective knowledge network of Textiles Professionals and Industry representatives of India and Mauritius.

(v) MoU between Institute of Apparel Management (IAM) and Fashion and Design Institute of Mauritius (FDI): To establish cooperation in the field of design and delivery of training programmes in the fields of textiles technology and fashion technology as well as academic interaction.