

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VENTURE CAPITAL FUND
Annayyagari Shri Sai Prathap

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Venture Capital Fund under Small Industries Development Bank of India to boost the powerloom sector in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the proposed Venture Capital Fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): SIDBI Venture Capital Ltd. (SVCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of SIDBI, has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Textiles (MoT), Government of India to set up a textile venture capital fund in partnership with MoT with the primary objective to invest in innovative companies in the textile sector, with products and services meant largely for the powerloom sector.

The Fund, once operational, will focus on early and growth stage investments in Micro and Small Enterprises [MSE] involved in new and emerging areas in the textile industry and allied products and services such as development of textile production machinery and automation, technical textiles for various applications, coated textiles, textiles for defense applications, sportswear and hosiery, weaving and processing.