

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3393  
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009  
NIFT AT BHUBANESHWAR  
Panda Shri Baijayant;Pradhan Shri Nityananda

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

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to set up a National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) at Bhubaneswar in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government for opening of additional cotton procurement centres in the State;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith current status of the proposal;
- (e) whether it is also proposed to set up an office of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts at Bhubaneswar for providing better institutional support for increasing exports of Orissa handloom products; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A proposal have been received from the State Government of Orissa for opening a Centre of NIFT at Bhubneshwar in Orissa which is being examined by NIFT.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), a Public Sector Enterprises under the Ministry of Textiles, has been asked to operate as many as possible centres in the state of Orissa and ensure that farmers are not put to difficulties for sale of their produce. The CCI has commenced Minimum Support Price (MSP) purchases in the state of Orissa at seven procurement centres i.e. at Karlapada, Kesinga, Rayagada, Kantabhanji, Gunupur, Jogimunda and Utkala during current cotton season 2009-10. As on 03-12-2009, CCI has purchased 12040 quintals of kapas equivalent to 2179 bales in the state of Orissa.

(e) & (f): No Madam. Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) is at present located at Bhubneshwar provides institutional support for the promotion of Handicrafts Products. While, there is no proposal by EPCH presently to set up an office for Orissa Handloom Products.