

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL TEXTILES RESEARCH COUNCIL
Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Textiles Research Council or whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps proposed to be taken by the Government to manufacture advance technology based textile products so as to export high priced textile items to the other countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Ministry of Textiles encourages Research and Development in the textiles sector in general and in the technical textiles segments in particular. As part of this effort the Ministry operates an R&D scheme open to various Govt. approved R&D institutions like IITs, Textiles Research Associations, Govt. aided institutions, recognized engineering colleges etc. where funding under the scheme ranging from 75% to 100% of the approved R&D projects is provided with focus on industry relevance of R&D projects and commercial adoption of the outcome. Further, under the technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT) 8 Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for different technical textiles segments have been created who besides being one stop shop for that particular technical textile segment engage in Research and Development, incubation, prototype development etc. the CoEs have entered into collaboration with several internationally reputed Overseas R&D institutions and track international developments and trends in their segments. TMTT specifically provides for contract research where user industry can sponsor research through eligible reputed R&D institutions and avail upto 60 % of the approved R&D project cost under the mission.