

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EQUITY FUND FOR ENTREPRENEURS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) suggesting an equity fund for entrepreneurs and flexible labour laws to make Indian manufacturing globally competitive; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ease of availability of equity for start ups and smaller enterprises and labour reforms are integral to global competitiveness of textile industry in particular and manufacturing in general. As a step in this direction, Ministry of Textiles has launched the TEX Fund - Venture Capital Fund on 29.10.2013 to provide equity investment to the micro and small enterprises sector of the powerloom industry as a component under the Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development. Under the TEX Fund scheme, investment in the equity of powerloom companies will help boost their net worth, leverage debt, improve their manufacturing capacity. The Government of India has contributed Rs.11.50 crore during 2014-15 to the corpus of the dedicated fund set up by SIDBI.