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Technical Textile

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for increased involvement of user institutions, development of indigenous products specially fibers, development of standards, focus on research and development and encouragement of Joint Ventures (JVs) and attracting investment in manufacturing technical textiles machinery;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry of Textiles and FICCI have organized premier show on technical textiles jointly and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the technical textiles industry is facing acute shortage of manpower and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government to address the issue of lack of manpower in the technical textiles sector;

(e) whether the technical textile industry needs to define the requisite skills to bridge the gap; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to create standards for the technical textiles sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Technology Mission on Technical Textile (TMTT) was launched by this Ministry on 15.12.2010 for a period of five years (from 2010-11 to 2014-15), to increase the involvement of user institutions, development of indigenous products specially fibres, development of standards, focus on research and development and encouragement of Joint Ventures (JVs) and attracting investment in manufacturing technical textiles machinery. The scheme was extended for a period of two years (up to 2016-17).

(c): Yes Madam, the Ministry of Textiles and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) have so far organized five International Exhibition & Conference on Technical Textiles called "Technotex" during the year 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 in India. The sixth edition of Technotex i.e. "Technotex-2017" is scheduled to be held from April 12-14, 2017 at Mumbai.

(d) to (f): This Ministry has no specific information regarding shortage of manpower in the Technical Textile Industries. However, eight Center of Excellences (CoEs) have been established and CoEs have been facilitating for training of manpower in technical textile industry. Further, with a view to address the skilled manpower needs of the textile sector, the Ministry of Textiles is implementing Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) during the 12th Plan with a target to train 15 lakh persons. The scheme covers all segments of textile sector including Technical Textiles.

Development of Standards on Technical Textiles is continuous and constantly evolving process. The nodal agency for formulation and notification of standards in India is Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Sectional Committees of BIS has representatives from M/o Textiles (O/o Textile Commissioner). BIS have formulated and notified 270 standards and 61 standards are in pipeline.
