

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

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ANSWERED ON

STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TEXTILE SECTOR .

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Will the Minister of COALTEXTILES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether according to study conducted by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) the domestic technical textiles market will grow at an average annual rate of over 10-12 per cent in next 4-5 years;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (c) whether Government proposes any multi pronged strategy to ensure development in textile sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

(SMT.PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b):According to the recent study conducted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in March 2010 on Technical Textiles, the market is estimated to grow at an average annual rate of 14 per cent to touch US\$ 19.76 billion by 2014 -15. Further, Ministry of Textile has also conducted a baseline survey on Technical Textile Industry in India through ICRA Management Consultancy Services Ltd (IMaCS). The report submitted by the IMaCS contains details on various aspects of technical textiles, which can be accessed on website www.technotex.gov.in. The Government has acknowledged the scope and huge potential of technical textiles in India and has taken many steps in a structured manner for growth and development of this sector.

(c) to (e):The Government has taken a number of initiatives to facilitate investments in technical textiles as follows:

Major machinery required for the technical textiles has been placed in the concessional custom duty list of 5 per cent.

Major technical textile machinery is covered under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), which provides 10 per cent capital subsidy on specified technical textile machinery in addition to 5 per cent interest reimbursement.

The Govt. has initiated a Scheme for Growth and Development of Technical Textiles (SGDTT) during 2007-08 of the Eleventh Five Year Plan, comprising 3 components, viz. i.) Setting up of 4 Centres of Excellence (COEs), ii.) Baseline survey of technical textiles and iii.) Creation of awareness.

The Government is creating awareness in Government Ministries/Departments such as Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Urban development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Agriculture for implementing regulatory measures for improving the standards which in turn will lead to promotion and growth of technical textiles.

Moreover, the Government is launching a Technology Mission on Technical Textiles, which will provide support for the development of the technical textile industry in the country in terms of capacity building of raw material, machinery, infrastructure and manufacturing units of technical textiles; standardization, product development and common testing facilities with international accreditation; domestic and export market development; human resource development for technical textiles.