

8. National Institute of Fashion Technology has been organising training programme to improve professional skill of employees in the textile industry producing value added products.

Revival of NTC and NJMC Mills

287. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the revival status of NTC (WBABO) and NJMC mills; and
(b) the immediate, short-term and long-term measures to sustain production and revive these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around strategy for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norm of the net worth of these mills turning positive, within the period prescribed by BIFR. Government is considering a Turn Around Plan of NJMC which has been prepared by IIBI under instructions from BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plans.

Investments in Textiles Industry

288. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investments made in the textiles industry during the last three years, till date, and the estimated amount spent therefor in Assam; and

(b) what effective have been taken by Government so far to create a class of professional and creative designers to support the textiles industry, to boost export in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See below*)

(b) The Government has initiated various schemes and established institutions for enhancing professional skill and encouraging creative designs to boost exports. Specific mention may be made of training in designs and other crafts by National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Marketing and Service Extension Scheme, Computer Aided Design Centres and Common Facility Service Centres which are oriented to upgrade professional skills and provide design and other technical support to artisans and weavers.

Statement

Central Plan Expenditure in Textiles Sector

(Figures in Rs. crores)

	1997-98 (Actual)	1998-99 (Actual)	1999-2000 (BE)
(1) Central Plan expenditure for textile sector	238.68	235.93	257.00*
Of which			
(a) expenditure in North East Region including Assam	39.48	32.30	27.10

*Excluding CCFI (UNDP) project of Rs.9 crores.

Amendment of Jute Marketing Order

289. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Jute Marketing Order for packing of sugar, if so, the reasons therefor, and