

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has recommended continuation of TUFs with an allocation of Rs.15886 crore for the entire 12th Five Year Plan against the allocation of Rs. 15404 crore during 11th Five Year Plan.

- (c) Does not arise in view of (B) above

#### **Problem areas in cotton textile sector**

291. SHRI R.C. SINGH: will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton textile sector in the country is dying slowly,

(b) whether the Ministry has identified the problem areas;

(c) what efforts the Ministry is making to extend the helping hand for its revival;

(d) whether any study has been carried out about the fine show by cotton textile sector in China and Bangladesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the positive steps adopted in the above countries are adaptable to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Textiles Industry has witnessed a growth of 11% during the 11th Five Year Plan.

(c) To further boost rapid modernization of cotton textiles industry the Government has taken several policy initiatives including the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, the Integrated Skill Development scheme and schemes being implemented for the development of Powerloom Sector export promotion.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A study of Benchmarking of Apparel Industry was carried out with reference to China and Bangladesh. Improved Statistical collection, strengthening export credit guarantee schemes (EPCG), adherence to timely supplies, low power and labour costs were some of the key findings. Government has adopted the findings into the 12th five year Plan Schemes.

#### **Proposal to restructure textile sector loans**

292. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has turned down the proposal of Government to restructure textiles sector loans;