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Written Answers to

Profit making by NIFT

1909. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government has any data of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) making profit, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): NIFT is an institute for professional education and research in Fashion Technology under Ministry of Textiles, and is a non-profit organization.

Skill development programmes for North Eastern State handicrafts

†1910. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government has any proposal for skill development

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

programme for North Eastern State handicrafts, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): Yes, Sir. Skills development needs of the artisans are addressed through two schemes of office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) namely Human Resource Development and Design and Technical Development scheme. In addition, under Cluster Scheme *i.e.* Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana, skill upgradation and design training are also provided for holistic upliftment of handicraft artisans. These programmes are implemented throughout the country including North Eastern States.

Training is provided through Established Institutions, Guru Shishya Parampara model, Design and Technical Development Workshops and Integrated Design and Technical Development Projects.

Textile and apparel exports

1911. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) how far it is a fact that the textile and apparel exports from India contributed majority to its total export in the last three years, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to give required push to the textile industry to increase textile and apparel export to more than double in future, if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the measures being taken by Government to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) Textile and apparel exports from India contributed majorly to its total export in the last three years. The details are given below:—

	Exports in	Exports in	Exports in
	2013	2014	2015
	(USD bn)	(USD bn)	(USD bn)
Total T&A Exports	40.3	40.7	40.0
Total India's Commodity Exports	314.4	310.4	262.3
Share of T&A in total India's Exports	12.8%	13.1%	15.3%

Source: Director General of Commerce Intelligence and Statistics Database.