

(c) and (d) The Programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development are implemented by the State and Union Territory authorities and the matter immediately taken up with the State Government/U.T. Administration concerned, when complaints are received. Senior Officers of the Ministry are also deputed to enquire into the same. The Ministry have evolved a comprehensive system of monitoring the execution of the Programmes, including utilisation of funds, through periodical Progress Reports received from the State/U.Ts. Field Visits and discussions with State Secretaries and with Project Directors of the District Rural Development Agencies/ Chief Executive Officers of Zila Parishads. Reviews of implementation of various Programmes have been carried out. Concurrent/Quick Evaluations and Impact Assessment Studies are also conducted. A four pronged Strategy comprising (i) Creation of Awareness about the Schemes (ii) Transparency (iii) Peoples' partnership and (iv) Accountability-Social Audit through Gram Sabhas has been introduced to further improve the speed and quality of programme implementation.

Setting up Steering Committee to look into the CII-Accenture study on textiles

4500. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
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DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Steering Committee to look into points raised by CII-Accenture study on textile;

(b) if so, whether most of the demands of textile industry were met in the budget and some issues remained unaddressed;

(c) if so, what are the issues that this Steering Committee will go into; and

(d) by what time it is likely to submit their recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Government has set up a Steering Group on Investment and Growth in Textile Industry under

the Chairmanship of Shri N .K. Singh, Member, Planning Commission with terms of reference regarding the evolution of a growth oriented fiscal policy for integrated development of the textile industry covering all its segments. The issues raised in CII Accenture study are subsumed in the terms of reference. The Interim Report submitted by this Group dealing with a growth oriented tariffs and duties structure contained recommendations which have been taken into consideration in the Annual Budget 2002 of the Government.

Textiles Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme

4501. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up a plan for the modernisation of 24 textile centres under the Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme;

(b) whether the textile industry is facing severe competition not only in exports but also in the domestic market due to imports from the neighbouring countries; and

(c) if so, how the modernisation Plan is expected to help in reviving the textile industry in the matter of exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched a new scheme "Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS)" for rejuvenating and plugging critical infrastructure gaps in predominantly textile/apparel sector areas to help the units located therein to become globally competitive.

(b) Although there is an increased competition from our neighbouring countries like China, Bangladesh etc. and the textile imports have shown an increase, the total quantity imported is not significant. It is less than even 1% of our domestic consumption.

(c) One of the major perceived benefits to TCIDS is removal of impediments to production and to facilitate improvement in quality, productivity and operational flexibility to make the textile industry of the centres globally competitive so as to face competition in domestic and international markets. Therefore, the modernisation of textile centres under the Scheme along with other measures would result in increased exports especially in the post MFA era starting from 1st January, 2005.