

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*121  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY

\*121. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any representation for setting up/development of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in the textile city of Ludhiana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any feasibility study to analyse and understand the importance of the same for the city; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan for setting up/development of technical institutions for fashion related studies and research in the said city?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE  
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**(a) & (b):** Yes Madam. Ministry of Textiles received various communications from State Government of Punjab vide letters dated 5.5.2010, 24.02.2011, 30.6.2011, 15.11.2011 and 10.10.2013 for merger of its institute, Northern India Institute of Fashion Technology (NIIFT), Mohali along with two centres at Ludhiana and Jalandhar with NIFT, Delhi. Further, the Ministry also received a letter on 3.9.2013 from the then Minister for Information and Broadcasting for setting up of NIFT at Ludhiana.

In response, policy for establishing of NIFT campus was shared with State Government and it was requested to submit the proposal as per this policy vide letter dated 19.11.2012. Further, Board of Governors (BoG) of NIFT on 13.2.2013 deliberated on the proposal and directed to explore the possibility of merging NIIFT Mohali campus for granting NIFT degrees and having its Jalandhar & Ludhiana centres as Extension Centres for Advanced Certificate and Diploma courses. The same was communicated to DG-NIIFT Mohali by DG-NIFT vide letter dated 1.3.2013 with request to get back with the proposal. However, no proposal was received from the State Govt. of Punjab as per policy of opening of new NIFT Campus or as per the decision of BoG taken on 13.2.2013.

Thereafter, BoG on 30.9.2014 deliberated on the issue of opening of new NIFT campuses and decided to freeze opening of new campus for a period of atleast three years in view of shortage of faculty and brand equity of NIFT.

**(c):** No Madam.

**(d):** Question does not arise.

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