

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-319**  
ANSWERED ON- 03/02/2023

**STEPS TAKEN TO RECYCLE TEXTILE WASTE**

319. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, textile waste is an important concern owing to the new generations who have affinity towards fast fashion goods;
- (b) if so, the details of the textile waste such as used clothes, waste fabrics etc. accumulated in last three years;
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to recycle the textile waste; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

**(a) & (b):** Recycling and reusing Textile waste material is an effective method to build sustainability in the Textile Industry. The data pertaining to Textile waste is not maintained.

**(c) & (d):** Government in collaboration with United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) is implementing a project called 'Enhancing Circularity and Sustainability' in India. The main objective of the project is to minimize the negative environmental impacts of Indian Textile by promoting sustainable practices and mainstreaming knowledge on circular production based practices in the Textiles and Apparel sectors. Government has also approved 20 strategic research projects in the areas of Specialty fibres and geotextiles and amongst the 20 Research projects, 3 projects in the area of Textile waste recycling have also been approved.

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