

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1436  
ANSWERED ON- 02/08/2024

**PRODUCTION AND USE OF SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE**

1436. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:  
SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of waste generated by the domestic textile industry in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to encourage production of sustainable clothing in the country;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to create awareness about the use of sustainable textiles; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to provide any subsidies to manufacturers of eco-friendly and sustainable clothing, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a):** There is no centralized database maintained by the Ministry on waste generated by the domestic textile industry. However, as per the 'Circular Economy in Municipal Solid & Liquid Waste Report' (2022) by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, textile waste as a component of municipal solid waste accounts for 15% of total dry municipal waste.

**(b) & (c):** Ministry of Textiles is taking various measures on sustainability for the textile value chain in India including:

- An Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) Task Force has been constituted for engaging in deliberations with stakeholders in order to ascertain the current status and issues being faced in adopting sustainable production models.
- Textiles Committee has signed an MoU with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC), SBI Foundation, IDH India, Tisser Artisan Trust and two industrial partners to undertake a pilot project on Post-consumer Textiles Waste Management to promote Sustainability & Circularity in Textile Value Chain.
- GIZ in consultation with Textile Committee (TC) has implemented an awareness program named 'Circle Back' with schools across Delhi to focus on the youth in adopting sustainable practices.
- A co-operation agreement was signed between UNEP and Textiles Committee (TC) for an awareness campaign on "Mainstreaming Sustainability and Circularity in Textile Sector".

**(d):** Currently, there is no plan under consideration in the Ministry for providing subsidy to the manufacturers of eco- friendly and sustainable clothing.

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