

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COTTON YARNS AND COTTON MATERIALS

639. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned adequate funds to develop textiles especially manufacture of cotton yarns and cotton materials in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in the last five years;
- (c) whether Government has any new schemes to rejuvenate the production of cotton and cotton materials, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has taken any proactive steps to improve the availability of cotton yarns at subsidized rates for Textile weavers in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Central Cotton Board has any centre for certifying the quality of cotton and Cotton yarns in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): The Government of India is implementing various schemes/initiatives on a pan India basis including Tamil Nadu aimed at development of entire textile/yarn industry. The allocation of funds is done scheme-wise and adequate funds were sanctioned. The details of the fund allocated in the last five years are as under:-

Year	Amended Technology Fund Scheme		In-Situ up gradation Scheme			Common Facility Centre (CFC)
	No. of Units	Subsidy released in Crores	No. of beneficiaries	No. of Looms	Subsidy released in Lakhs	GOI Grant (Rs. In Lakh)
2019-20	91	42.74	0	0	0	305.92
2020-21	161	48.54	1,846	6,918	859.9	0
2021-22	196	69.92	378	958	140.08	0
2022-23	196	49.19	0	0	0	0
2023-24	150	51.67	0	0	0	0
Total	794	262.06	2,224	7876	999.98	305.92

(c): Ministry of Textiles in association with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has undertaken a special project through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) titled "targeting technologies to agro-ecological zones – large scale demonstrations of best practices to enhance cotton productivity" under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) during 2023-24 and 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs. 92.84 crores. Textile Advisory Group (TAG) for cotton, an informal group representing all stakeholders has been set up to deliberate and recommend on issues pertaining to the entire cotton value chain. The meetings of the TAG are held periodically and based on the deliberations, suitable action is taken to address the issues, which includes increasing production of cotton.

(d): Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) is implemented throughout the country including Tamil Nadu to make available yarn to handloom weavers. Under the scheme, freight charges are reimbursed for all types of yarn and component of 15% price subsidy is there for cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, wool and linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres with quantity caps. During the last ten years and current year (as on 30.06.2024), more than 2650 lakh kg of yarn supplied under transport subsidy & price subsidy in Tamil Nadu. Ministry of Textiles is constantly engaged with stakeholders across the entire cotton value chain in respect of the availability of cotton yarn and its prices to harmonize their interest.

(e): There is no statutory body in the name of Central Cotton Board. Several laboratories in public and private sectors are in existence for testing of Cotton Fibre and cotton yarn.
