GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TEXTILES RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3997 ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025

APPROVAL OF 4 STARTUPS IN TECHNICAL TEXTILE

3997. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK: SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) In what manner will the Ministry support the 4 approved Startups in the field of technical textiles in terms of funding, infrastructure and policy assistance;
- (b) the manner in which these 4 Startups align with the broader goals of National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) and the textile industry;
- (c) whether there are any plans to expand this initiative and approve more Startups in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

- (a): The Government has launched "Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)" scheme under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) to support start up ecosystem of Technical Textile in India. Under the GREAT scheme, a maximum support of Rs. 50 lakhs is provided to each approved proposal.
- **(b):** A total of seventeen (17) startup proposals have been approved with a total cost of Rs. 8.80 Crores till date under the GREAT scheme of NTTM. These startups are majorly working in the development of Specialty Textiles, Medical textiles, Textile Composites, High Performance Textiles, Sustainable Textiles, Protective Textiles which aligns with the National Technical Textiles Mission. These startups are expected to create an ecosystem for manufacturing of technical textiles in India and improve the domestic market size and reducing dependency on imports.
- (c) & (d): The applications for start-up proposals can be submitted under the GREAT scheme which is valid till March 2026.
