## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5506 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26-07-2019

#### TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES AND RESEARCH IN COTTON INDUSTRY

#### 5506. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is catalyzing the transfer of technologies and research in the field of cotton processing conducted by CIRCOT from lab to startups, developing therewith entrepreneurs under Agri-Entrepreneurship; and
- (b) if so, the details of scheme Government proposes to promote these researches in this field?

## उत्तर

#### **ANSWER**

# वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति ज़्बिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Agri Business Incubation (ABI) Centre of ICAR-CIRCOT established under NIAP is promoting entrepreneurship and nurturing the establishment of startups based on the technologies developed by the institute in the area of post-harvest processing of cotton and value addition to its by-produce. Two startups were established by the incubates of CIRCOT ABI Centre. Recently R-ABI has been established in the institute under the revamped scheme Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR). CIRCOT R-ABI supports agribusiness incubation by tapping innovations and technologies for venture creation in Agriculture/Horticulture/Natural agriculture that includes Agri-Biotech; Management; Sustainable Agriculture/ Organic farming; Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fishery; Agri-Input tools and technologies, Micro irrigation, Farm Mechanization and Agri Engineering, Precision Farming; Harvesting and Post Harvest Processing; Food Processing; Supply Chain Management, Farm Retailing; AgriExtension Education; Internet of Things (IoT), ICT and Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture; Waste to Wealth, Secondary Agriculture; Agri Clinics & Farm Health services, Cotton and Other Natural Fibres, Nanotechnology Application in Agriculture, Green Composites, Paper, Pulp and Packaging etc.

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