

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3604
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023

RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER NATIONAL TECHNICAL TEXTILE MISSION

3604. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

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

- (a) the approximation value of research projects approved in various fields under the National Technical Textile Mission;
- (b) the details of the number of projects related to spatiality fibres, agrotextiles, smart textiles, protective gear, apparel and geotextiles separately; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the said industry in Tamil Nadu for the production of smart clothing to capture the world market?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): With a view to position the country as a global leader in Technical Textiles, National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) has been approved at a total outlay of Rs.1,480 Crore; with a four year implementation period from FY 2020-21 to 2023-24. So far, 89 research projects worth Rs.264 Cr has been awarded to premier research institutes of the country, under NTTM for undertaking research in the field of technical textiles. The segment-wise details are as under:-

S. No.	Segment	No of Projects
1	Protech	17
2	Geotech	14
3	Meditech	12
4	Indutech	12
5	Agrotech	11
6	Mobiltech	10
7	Sustainable Textiles	4
8	Speciality Fibres	3
9	Smart & E-Textiles	3
10	Buildtech	2
11	Packtech	1
	Total	89

(c): The initiatives taken by Government to encourage the technical textiles industry including smart textiles in the country including that of Tamil Nadu are:-

- (i) Issued General Guidelines for Enabling of Academic Institutes in Technical Textiles' Education in India: For Private & Public Institutes, with the objective of improving learning levels by encouraging new Technical Textiles Degree Programme (UG & PG), updating existing conventional degree programmes with new papers of Technical Textiles etc. Grant for procurement of Laboratory equipment and training for faculty.
- (ii) Launched Scheme for Internship Support in Technical Textiles (GIST) with the objective of supporting academic industry linkages in the domain of technical textiles. As per the guidelines, financial assistance upto INR 20,000 per student per month (for a maximum period of 2 months) would be given to empanelled companies on re-imbursement basis, for onward release to eligible students.
- (iii) In addition to 207 HSN codes in technical textiles, 32 new HSN codes for technical textiles items were notified in the Finance Bill 2022.
- (iv) Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) has been assigned the role of the Export Promotion Council for promotion of Technical Textiles
- (v) To create awareness and demand for promotion and market development of Technical Textiles, apart from various conferences/ seminars, an International Conference on Technical Textiles was held in partnership with Department of Textiles, Govt. Of Tamil Nadu and Confederation of Indian Industry (CCI) at Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 25th - 26th November, 2022.
