

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5299
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023

TECHNICAL TEXTILE SECTOR

5299. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to organize various events to increase investment and the industry's overall thrust in the technical textile sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise especially in the State of Punjab;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any measures to improve the quality of these technical textile products and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the total technical textile exports during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government is taking any other measures to support the immense potential for trade and investment with foreign countries in the technical textile sector and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): With an objective 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. In order to promote Technical Textiles in the country, a series of stakeholders events/ conferences were organized viz: -

- (i) International Conference on Technical Textiles with the theme “Creating the Winning Leap” was held on 12th March 2022 at New Delhi.
- (ii) 5th National Conclave on Standards for Technical Textiles – “Building Standards for India@2047” was held on 10th June 2022 at New Delhi.
- (iii) Conference on Geotextiles & Agrotextiles was held on 23rd August, 2022 at Imphal, Manipur.
- (iv) “National Conclave on Protech” was held on 16th November 2022 at New Delhi.
- (v) “International Conference on Technical Textiles” was held in partnership with Department of Textiles, Govt. of Tamil Nadu at Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 25th-26th November, 2022
- (vi) TechnoTex 2023- International exhibition and conference, was organized with the theme “Envisioning Indian Technical Textiles @ 2047” from 22nd - 24th February 2023 at Mumbai.
- (vii) One-day National Conference on Geo-Textiles– “PM Gati Shakti Scheme: Leveraging growth opportunity for Geotextiles” was held on 24th March 2023 at New Delhi.

(c): The Bureau of Indian Standards has notified 500+ Standards for technical textiles items. In this connection, 5th National Conclave on Standards for Technical Textiles – “Building Standards for India@2047” was held on 10th June 2022 at New Delhi.

(d): The total technical textiles exports during the last three years is listed as under:-

| Year | Exports (Rs. In Crores) |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 14,193.15 |
| 2020-21 | 16,123.53 |
| 2021-22 | 21,200.12 |

(e): The other initiatives taken by the Government to encourage the technical textiles industry in the country 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 to be given 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 20000 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) Launched Guidelines to support indigenous development of high-end machinery, equipment, tools, and testing instruments for Technical Textiles in India and establish an indigenous platform for domestic design, development, and manufacturing.
- (iv) In addition to 207 HSN codes in technical textiles, 32 new HSN codes for technical textiles items were notified in the Finance Bill 2022.
- (v) Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) has been assigned the role of the Export Promotion Council for promotion of Technical Textiles.
