

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1144  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.09.2020

TECHNICAL TEXTILE SECTOR

1144. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to promote the technical textile sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to attach the handloom clusters to the textile industry for procuring the handloom products directly;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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ANSWER  
वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति ज़ूबिन इरानी)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

**(a) & (b):** With a view to promote technical textiles in the country, the Government has approved the proposal for creation of National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) for a period of 4 years (2020-21 to 2023-24) with an outlay of Rs.1480 crores.

The NTTM will (i) focus on research and innovation and indigenous development of specialty fibres from Carbon, Nylon-66, Glass, Aramid and other high technology polymers; increase application of geo-textiles, agro-textiles, medical textiles, protective textiles and other segments of technical textiles in various application areas (ii) promote awareness amongst users, bring in large scale investments, and encourage high-end technical textiles products (iii) enhance India's exports of technical textiles to 8 Billion USD from current level of 2 Billion USD by 2024 through focused attention on 10 highest traded product (iv) create a robust human resources in the country, both through specialized higher education and skill development of technical manpower of the country.

The focus of the Mission is for developing on usage of technical textiles in various flagship missions, programmes of the country including strategic sectors. The use of technical textiles in agriculture, aquaculture, dairy, poultry, etc. Jal Jivan Mission; Swachh Bharat Mission; Ayushman Bharat will bring an overall improvement in cost economy, water and soil conservation, better agricultural productivity and higher income to farmers per acre of land holding in addition to promotion of manufacturing and exports activities in India. The use of geo-textiles in highways, railways and ports will result in robust infrastructure, reduced maintenance cost and higher life cycle of the infrastructure assets.

**(c) to (e):** Yes, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Office of Development Commissioner (Handloom) and five Textile Companies on 28.1.2019 with an objective to promote the handloom sector and alleviate the socio-economic conditions of handloom weavers by way of improved earnings. The MoU envisages the companies to facilitate and develop interface with handloom clusters and pockets and source their fabric requirement for growth and promotion of handloom segment in the country.

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