

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2974
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

POLLUTION BY FASHION INDUSTRY

2974. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the fashion industry is the second largest polluting industry in the world after coal/petroleum, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a lot of water is used during the production of clothes, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to introduce laws that will penalize apparel manufacturers for contributing to pollution and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to introduce newer methods of production which will help in conserving water?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति ज़ूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The textile industry is a water intensive industry. As per a study by Centre for Science & environment (CSE), the water consumption by Indian textile industry is about 200-250 cubic meters per tonne cotton cloth. The wet processing unit of the industry is not only water intensive but also causes water pollution.

(c): Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board take various measures for prevention and control of industrial pollution under provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment Protection Act 1986.

(d): Ministry of Textiles is implementing the Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) for enabling the textiles processing sector to meet environmental standards.
