

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024

TECHNICAL INNOVATION IN TEXTILES

2501. SHRI P C MOHAN:
SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:
SHRI CHUDASAMA RAJESHBHAI NARANBHAI:
SHRI ARUN GOVIL:
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SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote technical innovation in the field of textiles sector;
- (b) whether any R&D projects for technical textiles have been approved by the Government if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the key initiatives undertaken by the Ministry since the year 2014; and
- (d) the details of the achievements of the Ministry with respect to various schemes during the last year?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government is laying emphasis on the promotion of innovative technologies in textile industry. With a view to boost technical textiles sector in the country, National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) launched in 2020-21 with an outlay of Rs.1,480 crores, is under implementation upto 31.03.2026. The Mission focuses on research & innovation and indigenous development of machinery & specialty fibres; promoting awareness amongst users; enhancing India's exports and creating human resources with requisite skills in the field of technical textiles.

(b): The Government has approved 137 research projects amounting to Rs. 474 Crore (approx.) under National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) in areas such as specialty fibres like Carbon fibre, Aramid fibre, Nylon, Composites etc. as well as in different segments of Technical Textiles such as geo textiles, agro textiles, protective textiles, medical textiles, defence textiles, sports textiles, etc.

(c) & (d): Some of the key initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Textiles since 2014 and achievements during the last year are as under:-

- (i) Government has approved setting up of Seven Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks in Greenfield / Brownfield sites with an outlay of Rs. 4,445 crore for a period of seven years upto 2027-28. PM MITRA Parks are being set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

- (ii) Government is implementing the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, with an approved outlay of Rs. 10,683 crore, to promote production of MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles in the country to enable Textile sector to achieve size and scale and to become competitive. 73 companies have been selected under PLI Scheme.
- (iii) The scheme of Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) is under implementation of Exports of Apparel / Garments and made-ups in order to make the textile sector competitive in international market.
- (iv) Government has launched Samarth Scheme to promote skilling and skill up-gradation in the textiles sector. Under Samarth Scheme so far 3.27 lakh beneficiaries have been imparted skill development training, out of which 1.33 lakh beneficiaries received skill development training in 2023-24.
- (v) For holistic development of the sericulture industry, Silk Samagra-2 scheme was launched on 19.01.2022. The scheme consists of various components and sub-components under Mulberry, Vanya and Post-cocoon sectors. The programme synergies the efforts of State Governments and other implementing agencies to improve the quality, productivity and production of raw silk, besides generating employment opportunities, particularly in the rural areas.
- (vi) Under National Handloom Development Programme, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, skilling, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme, scholarships and social security, etc.

Under Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS), quality yarn & their bends are provided to the eligible Handloom weavers at subsidized rates. Total 340 lakh kg of yarn has been supplied during financial year 2023-2024 under the Scheme.

- (vii) Under National Handicraft Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, support to artisans is provided through marketing support, skill development by means of Design programme, training programs, cluster development, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructure and technology support and assistance through Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.
