LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *354 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2025

START-UPS UNDER NTTM

*354. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

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

(a) the manner in which the Government supports start-ups in terms of funding, infrastructure, and policy assistance along with the number of start-ups registered in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the manner in which these 4 start-ups align with the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) and the broader goals of the textile industry;

(c) whether there are any plans to expand this initiative and approve more start-ups in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री गिरिराज सिंह) MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 354 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025 RAISED BY SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP ON START-UPS UNDER NTTM.

(a): The Government has launched "Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)" scheme under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) to support start up ecosystem of Technical Textile in India. Under the GREAT scheme, a maximum support of Rs. 50 lakhs is provided to each approved proposal.

Further, till date **no** start-up applications have been approved to individual/ start-up company based on Himachal Pradesh.

(b): A total of seventeen (17) startup proposals have been approved with a total cost of Rs. 8.80 Crores till date under the GREAT scheme of NTTM. These startups are majorly working in the development of Specialty Textiles, Medical textiles, Textile Composites, High Performance Textiles, Sustainable Textiles, Protective Textiles which aligns with the National Technical Textiles Mission. These startups are expected to create an ecosystem for manufacturing of technical textiles in India and improve the domestic market size and reducing dependency on imports.

(c) & (d): The applications for start-up proposals can be submitted under the GREAT scheme which is valid till March 2026.
