

INVESTMENTS IN TEXTILE SECTOR

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

- (a) whether investments in the textile sector that were sluggish during the last couple of years have revived in the country and if so, the details thereof and progress made till date compared to the last 26 years;
- (b) whether several textile and apparel companies that had taken part in the recently-concluded Bharat Tex in New Delhi and said they were making investments and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether leverage engineering and Indian textile machinery manufacturers should leverage the strengths in textile engineering and localise textile machinery for all segments of the supply chain and the Government should also work towards having sustainable, circular textiles and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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(a): The Indian Textile and Apparel Industry plays a crucial role in India's economic growth, boosting exports, creating jobs, empowering women and showcasing India's rich heritage and culture. As per Annual Survey of Industries, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, there is an increase of 475% in Invested Capital in Textiles from 2000-2001 to 2022-2023 & there is an increase of 1252% in Invested Capital in Wearing Apparel from 2000-2001 to 2022-2023.

(b): Bharat Tex 2025, India's largest global textile event, was successfully organized from February 14 to 17, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The event featured over 5,000 exhibitors, providing a comprehensive showcase of India's textile ecosystem. More than 1,20,000 trade visitors, from more than 100 countries including global CEOs, policymakers, and industry leaders, attended the event. Bharat Tex 2025 served as a platform to accelerate the government's "Farm to Fibre, Fabric, Fashion, and Foreign Markets" vision. Bharat TEX 2025 served as a premier platform for industry leaders, manufacturers, exporters, and innovators, bringing together key stakeholders from across the textile sector. The event facilitates collaboration among manufacturers, exporters, and importers, providing them with an opportunity to showcase their expertise, cutting-edge innovations, and latest collections to a global audience. It brought together the entire textile value chain from raw materials to finished products including accessories under one single roof.

Bharat TEX 2025 also featured a Global scale conference, Roundtables, Panel Discussions, and master classes. It included exhibitions that featured Special Innovation and Start up Pavilions. It also included hackathons based Startup Pitch Fest and innovation fests, Tech tanks and design challenges providing funding opportunities for startups through leading investors.

(c): With a view to incentivize the modernisation of textile machinery including environmentally friendly technologies, Government is implementing Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS), which was valid up to 31.03.2022. Under the scheme, 1,000 plus benchmarked machinery manufactures are enlisted, more than 6 Lakh Benchmark Technology machines installed, more than 1 Lakh water and energy saving technology machines and 1,117 Energy Saving Machines were installed under ATUFS and lastly, Material to Liquor Ratio improved from 1:10 to 1:4, thus saving of about 50-60% water in dyeing.

Further, the Government has played a critical role in facilitating the shift toward sustainability by constituting an ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) Task Force which aims to enable the transition of the textile industry to a sustainable and resource-efficient production system by engaging in deliberations with stakeholders of the industry in ascertaining the current status and issues in adopting sustainable production models.
