LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *227 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2025

PROGRAMMES UNDER NTTM

*227. SHRI K E PRAKASH:

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

- (a) whether any proposals have been received under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), particularly under the Indigenous Manufacturing component from Tiruppur and Erode regions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of such proposals;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that Tiruppur, possesses the necessary ecosystem to diversify into sports-tech textiles, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether steps, such as cluster programmes or cooperative initiatives are being undertaken to promote this under the NTTM;
- (e) whether any diversification programmes under NTTM are being considered based on the region's existing textile capabilities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government is planning to promote agro-tech and pack-tech textile production in Erode, if so, the details thereof?

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (F) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *227 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 05.08.2025 RAISED BY SHRI K E PRAKASH ON PROGRAMMES UNDER NTTM.

(a) & (b): National Mission on Technical Textiles was launched in 2020 with a financial outlay of Rs. 1,480 Crore with major focus on Research, Innovation and Development; Promotion and Market Development; Export Promotion; and Education, Training & Skill Development.

Govt. of India has approved two proposals from Tiruppur and Erode, under the Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship Across Aspiring Innovator in Technical Textiles (GREAT) Scheme of NTTM. The project approved in Tiruppur is on "Design and Development of pilot scale innovative Zero Solid Discharge (ZSD) system for resource recovery from final residue in textile and industrial ZLD plants (circularity & sustainability)". The other approved project is in Erode region on "Natural Anti-Microbial Coated textiles for Hospitals wear".

In addition, **twelve Research** Projects and **two Start-ups** Project have been sanctioned at various locations in the State of Tamil Nadu. Twelve (12) educational institutions across Tamil Nadu have been extended support for the introduction of technical textile-related subjects in their curriculum under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM).

- (c): Under the National Technical Textile Mission, six (06) research projects have been approved in Sports Textiles, out of which one project has been approved in Tamil Nadu. Besides this out of 42 manufacturing units of technical textiles approved under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, four (04) units are working in sports textiles segment, of which, two (02) units are based in Tamil Nadu. Tiruppur is recognised as one of the prominent textile clusters in the country. The cluster has demonstrated significant capabilities in textile manufacturing and export. NTTM is a Pan India Mission to promote all 12 segments of technical textiles across India including clusters in Erode and Tiruppur.
- (d) & (e): Ministry of Textiles has established eight (08) Centers of Excellence in thrust areas of technical textiles across India. These Centers of Excellence act as one stop shop for the respective segment and are also entrusted to carryout cluster programmes / cooperative initiatives. One such center i.e. South India Textile Research Association (SITRA) is situated in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, which is also catering to Erode & Tiruppur, besides providing services to Industry across India.

Under the 'Promotion and Market Development' component of the NTTM, seminars, conferences, and outreach programmes are organised across the country, including in the State of Tamil Nadu, to create awareness regarding the potential of the rapidly growing technical textiles sector and to highlight emerging opportunities for industry stakeholders. Since the launch of NTTM in March 2020, a total of **32** such promotional and awareness programmes have been conducted across the country including 02 in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(f): Under the National Technical Textiles Mission, 12 segments of technical textiles are being actively promoted, including Agro-tech and Pack-tech to enhance productivity and efficiency. Fourteen (14) Research Projects in Agrotech and one (01) Research Project in Packtech have been approved under NTTM. Out of which, one project has been approved in Tamil Nadu in Agrotech segment. Further, under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, a total of 06 manufacturing units have been approved under the Agrotech Segment. Further SASMIRA, Mumbai is Center of Excellence established for Agrotextiles, which is catering to Industry across India. NTTM is Pan India Mission to promote technical textiles in India including Erode and the industry can avail comprehensive support provided under NTTM for all segments of technical textiles, including Agrotextiles and Packtech for research and innovation, market promotion, skill development, and education.
