

**FIREFIGHTING SUITS UNDER NTTM**

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

- (a) the steps taken to promote domestic production of firefighting suits under National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM);
- (b) the impact of the NTTM in reducing import dependency and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any plans to promote exports of these products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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**(a):** The National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) was launched for promotion and development of technical textiles sector in the country. Under the Mission, a project titled '*Development of Specialized Firefighting Suit*' was awarded to Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA), Ghaziabad in 2023. Under this project, a firefighting suit has been developed by NITRA indigenously, which is significantly cost effective with same properties as of imported ones. The technology has been transferred to a domestic manufacturer for scaling up its domestic production.

**(b):** Under the NTTM, a total of 168 research projects have been approved. Some of these projects have been approved to develop items which are strategically important, and their import is restricted by manufacturing countries. These projects have been allocated to help in indigenous productions of Specialty fibres and high end technical textiles products to reduce dependency on imports.

**(c) & (d):** One of the objectives of the National Technical Textiles Mission is promotion of exports of technical textiles sector in the country. In this direction, an Export Promotion Council has been constituted under the Mission. India's exports of technical textiles stood at INR 24,732.68 Crore in FY 2024-25. The exports grew by 15.53% over the last year and ~11% CAGR over the last 4 year. The table below highlights the exports growth of technical textiles from F.Y. 2020-21 to 2024-25:

	FY 2020-21	FY2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
Exports (Rs. in Cr.)	16,100.51	21,194.64	20,095.55	21,407.36	24,732.68
YoY Growth		31.63%	-5.18%	6.52%	15.53%

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