LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2584 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2025

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS

2584. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing special scholarship, research fellowship to the students or running any industry academic collaboration scheme for the scholars engaged in research in apparel industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UGC or other higher education institutes have formulated any special directions or providing grant-in-aid to encourage inter disciplinary research combining textiles, commerce and technology focusing on apparel industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिटा**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (d): National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT); a statutory institute under the NIFT Act, 2006 and set up by the Ministry of Textiles, actively supports the research and academic advancement in the textile and apparel sectors. It conducts Ph.D. programmes and provides financial support to full-time research scholars through the Teaching Fellowship. This includes a monthly stipend, contingency grant, and HRA for up to four years. However, scholars not availing this fellowship may seek support as Project Fellows or Industry Chair Fellows through externally funded collaborations. NIFT also offers an opportunity to final semester students of all undergraduate and postgraduate programmes to undertake sponsored, industry-based research projects. Each student is assigned an academic mentor from NIFT and an industry mentor from the sponsoring organisation, thereby fostering applied research and industry engagement at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

In addition, Scholarship (maximum upto Rs.2.00 lakh per annum per child) is also provided to handloom weavers/workers' children (upto 2 children) for study in 3/4 years Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses of Central/State Govt. recognized/funded Textiles Institutions.

Further University Grants Commission (UGC) has also issued guidelines to all the Higher Education Institutions to develop curriculum in the field of technical textiles to participate in National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM) by submitting their proposals.
