

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TECHNICAL TEXTILES SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to promote Technical Textile Sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked for various schemes during the 12th Five Year Plan for the purpose; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Yes Madam

(b) & (c): The details of the schemes including fund earmarked during 12th five plan are give below:-

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Fund earmarked during 12th five year plan
1.	Technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT)	118.60
2.	Scheme for promoting the usage of Agro textiles in North Easter Region	55.00
3.	Scheme for promoting the usage of Geotextiles in North Eastern Region (approval of CCEA is under process)	427.00
	Total	600.60

(i) Technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT) Scheme: Ministry of Textiles has launched Technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT) with two mini- missions for a period of five years (from 2010-11 to 2011- 12 in the 11th five year plan and 2012-13 to 2014-15 in 12th five year plan) with a total fund outlay of Rs.200 crore, during December 2010. The objective of the scheme include standardization, creating common testing facilities with national/international accreditation, indigenous development of prototypes, resource centre with I.T. infrastructure and support for domestic & export market development of technical textiles etc. To achieve the said objective, 4 Centre of Excellence (CoEs) in the areas of Non-wovens, Indutech, Composites and Sportech have been set-up and 4 existing CoEs in the areas of Agrotech, Geotech, Meditech and Protech have been upgraded. Support has been given for business start-up, organizing workshops, achieving social compliance through standardization & regulatory measures, contract research etc.

(ii) Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotexiles in NER: Ministry of Textiles, Government of India has launched a Scheme for Usage of Agrotexiles in North-Eastern Region in the 12th five year plan with an outlay of Rs. 55 crore. The scheme has been operationalized in June 2013. The aim is to encourage utilization of Agrotexiles in improving the Agriculture, horticulture & floricultural produce of the N-E states through awareness programmes, Development of Agrotexile products suitably customized for use in the North-Eastern region and Creating demonstration set-up depicting the benefit of usage of Agrotexile products suitable for the region. With increasing acceptability of Agrotexiles, entrepreneurs are expected to set up Agrotexiles production units in the country and particularly in NE Region.

(iii) Scheme for Promoting Usage of Geotextiles in NER: Outlay of Rs. 427 crore is provided for the proposed Scheme for Promoting Usage of Geotextiles in NER during the 12th Plan period to promote and utilize Geo textiles in development of the infrastructure in the NER states by providing technological and financial support in road, hill/ slope protection and water reservoirs.

In addition to the above schemes, Govt. of India provides assistance for growth and development of Technical Textiles Industry through the following schemes:

i) Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS): Major technical textile machineries are covered under the Revised Restructured Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (RRTUFS) for 5% Interest reimbursement. In addition specified technical textile machinery has been provided with benefit of 10% capital subsidy in addition to 5% interest reimbursement under RRTUFS.

(ii) Scheme for Strengthening of Database and Standards for Technical Textiles: The scheme is aimed at creating a repository of knowledge that will facilitate effective policy decisions by the government and business decisions by industry stakeholders. Under this scheme Ministry of Textiles is conducting the Baseline survey for Strengthening of Database of Technical Textile industry. The objectives of the project is to identify the market size, consumption, trade trends, number of units, type of units, type of products

produced, investment, turnover, employment etc., in the field of Technical Textiles in India.