

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5693  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26-07-2019

**“ADEQUACY OF R&D FACILITIES IN TEXTILE SECTOR”**

5693. DR. T. SUMATHY (A) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) the number of notified textile products / fibres including technical products produced in the country as on date;
- (b) the details regarding adequacy of Research and Development facilities available in the country in Textile sector for bringing out new products;
- (c) the details of indigenously discovered, produced and successfully marketed new fibres during the last ten years, if any; and
- (d) whether the Government is in the process of holding bilateral discussions with other countries for the development / introduction of new technical products in textile sector, if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

**(a):** The number of textile products / fibres including technical products, produced in the country, notified by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, as on date is at Annexure.

**(b):** For Research and Development activities in Textile sector, the Government has established eight Centers of Excellences (CoEs) in technical textiles which are as under:-

S.No.	Name of COEs	Area	S.No.	Name of CoEs	Area
1.	Bombay Textile Research Association, Mumbai	Geotech	5.	DKTE Society's Textile and Engineering Institute, Kolhapur	Non-Wovens
2.	Synthetic & Art Silk Mills' Research Association, Mumbai	Agrotech	6.	PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore	Indutech
3.	Northern India Textile Research Association, Ghaziabad	Protech	7.	Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association, Ahmedabad	Composites
4.	South India Textile Research Association Coimbatore	Meditech	8.	Wool Research Association, Thane	Sportech

**(c):** Glass fibres and composites are produced and marketed in India. Other modified polymer new synthetic fibres / filaments which are being potentially developed in the country are:- flame retardant Poly Ethylene Terephthalate (PET), Antimicrobial PET, HOLLOW PET, Trilobal PET, Conjugate staple PET, Moisture management PET filament, Ultraviolet Resistant Polypropylene. Basic research is being conducted in developing fibre from indigenously available Himalayan plant sources such as Flax and nettle.

**(d):** Government is in discussion with technical textiles manufacturers in Japan for possible investment by Japanese textile manufacturers in India through joint ventures and technological collaborations. A high level official delegation had visited Japan in February, 2019, in which some of the leading manufacturers such as M/s Teijin Frontier Corporation, Japan has expressed their interest in investing in the field of textiles manufacturing in India. The Indian Technical Textiles Association (ITTA), which was also a part of the high level Indian delegation to Japan is working towards business-to-business partnership and joint venture proposals with their Japanese counterparts.

**Annexure**

<b><u>S. No.</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter</u></b>	<b><u>Items</u></b>
1.	Chapter 50	Silk
2.	Chapter 51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair, horsehair yarn and woven fabric
3.	Chapter 52	Cotton
4.	Chapter 53	Other vegetable textile fibres, paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn
5.	Chapter 54	Man-made filaments
6.	Chapter 55	Man-made staple fibres
7.	Chapter 56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens, special yarns, twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof
8.	Chapter 57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings
9.	Chapter 58	Special woven fabrics, tufted textile fabrics, lace, tapestries, trimmings, embroidery
10.	Chapter 59	Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics, textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use
11.	Chapter 60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics
12.	Chapter 61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted
13.	Chapter 62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted
14.	Chapter 63	Other made up textile articles, sets, worn clothing and worn textile articles, rags

Apart from the above, 207 technical textile products have been notified by DGFT notification No.5412015-2020 dated 15.01.2019 with new HSN codes.

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