LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2421 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024

NATIONAL TEXTILE MISSION

2421. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the adoption of eco-friendly and sustainable production practices in the textile sector, particularly water usage, waste management and energy efficiency;
- (b) the progress of initiatives like the 'National Textile Mission' in promoting sustainable and ethical sourcing of raw materials, such as organic cotton and eco-friendly dyes; and
- (c) the financial incentives or support schemes are being offered to textile manufacturers, especially Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), to transition towards sustainable production models?

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

- (a) & (b): To encourage the adoption of eco-friendly and sustainable production practices in the textile sector, Government has undertaken a number of initiatives including sanctioning six (6) projects under 'Integrated Processing Development Scheme', providing subsidy for 1,117 Energy saving machines under 'Amended Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme', encouraging 206 textile industries through 'Perform Achieve & Trade' scheme for energy efficiency and sanctioning Nine (9) sustainability focused projects under the 'Scheme for Research & Development Scheme for Textile Industry including Jute'. In addition, 19 projects and 03 startups have been approved for research in eco-friendly and sustainable Technical Textile products / processes under 'National Technical Textile Mission'.
- (c): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) through its "Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance" (RAMP) scheme is promoting sustainable development for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs). Two Sub-schemes of RAMP are:
 - ➤ MSE- Green Investments and Financing for Transformation (GIFT): The scheme provides interest subvention on loans taken by MSEs to adopt identified green technologies.
 - ➤ MSE- Scheme for Promotion of Investment in Circular Economy (SPICE): The scheme provides 25% capital subsidy subject to a cap of Rs. 12.5 lakhs per MSE for adopting circular economy solutions such as reducing, re-using and re-cycling resources.
