Growth of technical textiles

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1642. SRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether technical textiles are poised for a 20 per cent growth; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the baseline survey report of technical textile industry in India and past trends, the sub-group on technical textiles for Twelfth Five Year Plan has projected growth rate of technical textiles at 20% per annum. The sub-group had estimated the overall Indian market size for the year 2012-13 as Rs. 75925 crore and projected the market size for the year 2016-17 as Rs. 158540 crore.

Share of technical textile in all forms of textiles

1643. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the world over, the share of technical textiles in all forms of textiles is 65 percent, whereas its share in the country is only 10 to 15 percent; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof comparatively and the steps being taken to improve the share of our country in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The share of technical textiles in all forms of textiles world over is 18.70% whereas the share of technical textiles in India is 11.43%.

- (b) The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has taken several steps for the growth and development of technical textiles by which the share of Indian technical textiles will improve. Some of the main steps are as follows:
 - Scheme for Growth and Development of Technical Textiles (SGDTT): This
 scheme was launched for tapping the potential of technical textiles and to
 encourage investments in this industry, during the year 2007-08 with an
 outlay of Rs. 46.60 crore. It had three components namely Baseline Survey,

Creation of Awareness and Setting up of four Centres of Excellence. The scheme completed its tenure in the year 2010-2011.

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- Technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT): Government has launched the Technology Mission on Technical Textiles with two Mini Missions for five years starting from the year 2010-11 with an outlay of Rs. 200 crore. The main objectives of the scheme include standardization, creating common testing facilities with national/international accreditation, indigenous development of prototypes and resource center with I.T. infrastructure and support for domestic & export market development of technical textiles etc.
- Formulation of special schemes for the North East Region for demonstrating improvement in agriculture & infrastructure through the increased usage and promotion of Agro and Geo Technical Textiles, respectively.
- Major machinery for manufacture of technical textiles has been covered under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) with 10% capital subsidy in addition to 5% interest reimbursement to the specified technical textile machinery.
- Under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), the Government provides assistance for creation of infrastructure in the parks to the extent of 40% limited to Rs. 40 crore in which technical textile units can also benefit.
- The major machinery for production of technical textiles is covered in the concessional customs duty list of 5%.
- Specified technical textile products are covered under Focus Product Scheme. Under this scheme, exports of these products are entitled for duty credit scrip equivalent to 2% of FOB value of exports.

Launching of Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS)

1644. Dr. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government has approved the launching of a new Integrated Processing development Scheme (IPDS) to establish four to six Brown Field projects and three to five Green Field projects addressing the environmental issues faced by textile processing units;