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### AIM OF WORK

Heavy metals have been excessively released into the environment due to rapid industrialization and have created a major concern. Heavy metal pollution can cause serious environmental problems due to its toxic and carcinogenic effects on the natural environment and its accumulation in living organisms. The toxicity of heavy metals might be caused by blocking essential functional groups of bio molecules and by disrupting the integrity of bio-membranes. The most common hazardous metals found in industrial wastewater are Cu, Cd, Pb, Ni, Fe, Cr, and Zn. Also many industries viz. textile, paper, plastics and dyestuffs production consume substantial volume of water and dyes during manufacturing of their products. These dyes might cause allergic dermatitis and skin irritation. Moreover, it have been reported that some dyes have a toxic effect and they are turned to be carcinogenic and mutagenic for both aquatic life and human beings. On these bases, the present work was concerned with the purification of the wastewater from some heavy metal ions and dyes pollutants by using treated cellulosic materials (Jute and cotton fibers) as low cost and biodegradable applicant plus being easily regenerated. Characterization of treated Jute and cotton by using FTIR, XRD, SEM, TGA and mechanical measurements were undertaken to stand on the main modification aspects. Studying of the factors which affect the adsorption process