

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2234**  
ANSWERED ON- 13/12/2024

**INCREASE IN TEXTILE EXPORTS**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's overall textile exports have increased by 11.6 per cent and apparel exports by 35.1 per cent in October 2024, as recently reported;
- (b) if so, the key factors contributing to this growth;
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to sustain and further enhance this growth, particularly in the face of global competition; and
- (d) the initiatives to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the textile and apparel sector to benefit from this export growth?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a) & (b):** Export is a function of demand and supply and depends on factors such as global demand, order flow, logistics etc. India's overall textile & apparel (including handicrafts) exports have increased by 19% approximately in October, 2024 with respect to October, 2023 and apparel exports have increased by 35% approximately in October, 2024 with respect to October, 2023. (Source: DGCIS, Provisional Data).

**(c) & (d):** The Government is implementing various schemes/initiatives to promote Indian textiles sector and enhance its competitiveness. The major schemes/initiatives include PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme to create a modern, integrated, world class textile infrastructure; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on MMF Fabric, MMF Apparel and Technical Textiles to boost large scale manufacturing and enhancing competitiveness; National Technical Textiles Mission focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development; SAMARTH – Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program; Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain; National Handloom Development Program for end to end support for handloom sector. Ministry of Textiles is also implementing National Handicrafts Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme for promotion of handicrafts.

Further, Government is also implementing Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) scheme for Apparel/Garments and Made-ups in order to enhance competitiveness by adopting principle of zero rated exports. Further, textiles products not covered under the RoSCTL scheme are covered under Remissions of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) along with other products. In addition, Government provides financial support to various Export Promotion Councils and Trade Bodies under Market Access Initiative Scheme implemented by Department of Commerce for organising and participating in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets etc at national and international levels.

Ministry has supported Export Promotion Councils/Associations in organizing a Global Mega Textile Event i.e. BHARAT TEX 2024 in February, 2024 and is also supporting same event i.e. BHARAT TEX 2025 scheduled in February, 2025 to showcase the strength of the Indian textiles value chain, highlighting the latest progress/ innovations in textile & fashion Industry and positioning India as the most preferred destination for sourcing and investment in textile sector.

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