GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TEXTILES **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2553** ANSWERED ON- 21/03/2025

IMPACT OF SLOWDOWN IN GLOBAL TEXTILE INDUSTRY ON INDIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the primary reasons for the slowdown in the global textile value chain include weak demand, inflation, and geopolitical tensions;

(b) the impact of these global factors on the Indian textile industry, particularly in terms of exports, employment, and production; and

(c) whether Government has implemented any specific policies or programmes to address these challenges and support the Indian textile industry, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): Yes, Export is a function of demand and supply and depends on factors such as global demand, order flow, logistics etc.

(b): India is ranked among the top textile exporting countries in the world with a share of approx. 4% of global textiles and apparel exports. The export of Textile & Apparel including Handicrafts has increased by approx. 7% in April-December 2024 with respect to the same period of previous year. Major textile and apparel export destinations for India are USA, EU and UK with around 53% share in total textile and apparel including handicraft exports in FY 2023-24. (Source: ITC Trade Map and DGCIS)

(c): The Government is implementing various schemes/initiatives to promote Indian textiles industry by way of supporting production, research & innovation, marketing etc. 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.

The 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.