

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMECE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 25/07/2025

EXPORT OF TEXTILE

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether India-made textiles are imposed with lower tariff by the United States of America (USA) in comparison to Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by Government to increase exports of textile to USA;
- (c) whether Government has explored the possibility of exporting textiles to non-traditional destinations like South Africa and other countries in the African continent, given the imposition of higher tariff by USA; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d): As of now, a large number of Indian exports to the US face 10% additional duty which also applies to many other countries including Bangladesh. India-US bilateral Trade Agreement negotiations were launched in March 2025. Five rounds of negotiations have been held, the last being from July 14-18, 2025 at Washington. Further, to propel Indian exports, the Government has recently identified 20 countries of significance which include both USA and South Africa and 6 focus sectors which includes textiles. The Government has been providing financial support to various Export Promotion Councils and Trade Bodies engaged in promotion and branding of textiles and garments exports, for organizing and participating in trade fairs, exhibitions buyer-seller meets etc. at national and international levels.

The Government is also implementing various other schemes/initiatives viz. Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) scheme, the Remissions of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme, PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, National Technical Textiles Mission and the SAMARTH – Scheme to promote Indian textiles sector and enhance its competitiveness.
