

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2399**  
ANSWERED ON- 19/12/2025

**IMPACT OF RECENT TARIFFS IMPOSED BY USA ON TEXTILE EXPORT SECTOR**

2399 DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the likely impact of the recent 50 percent tariff measures imposed by the United States of America (USA) on Indian textile exports, which may affect nearly one-fourth of total shipments;
- (b) the estimated loss in export value and employment across major textile-exporting States; and
- (c) the steps being taken to provide relief to affected exporters and diversify markets to mitigate dependence on the US market?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a) & (b):** The Government is regularly monitoring India's export of Textile & Apparel including Handicrafts to United States and other countries in the world and tracking of the impact of US tariffs on all segments of the textile Sector.

India's exports of textiles and apparel (excluding handicrafts) stood at US\$ 32,560.04 million during January to November 2025, registering a growth of 0.26% over the corresponding period of the previous year. (Source: Quick estimates of November 2025 -DGCIS/Department of Commerce).

The combination of different factors such as product differentiation, demand, quality, contractual arrangements etc. would determine the impact of reciprocal tariffs on India's exports of textiles sector in global market. The Ministry is in regular consultation with exporters including MSMEs across different States to assess the impact of US tariff on India's textiles & apparel export and other challenges. The Ministry has convened two wide-ranging consultative meetings with large as well as Micro, Small and Medium (MSME) textile exporters from across the textile and apparel value chain at various levels.

**(c):** The Government continues to work to mitigate the impact of the US tariff measures on Indian exports through a comprehensive multi- pronged strategy encompassing intensive engagement with the US Government for a mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement, immediate relief through Trade relief measures of RBI, Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters, enhancement of domestic demand through next generation GST reforms, Export Promotion measures such as the new Export Promotion Mission which provide support and assistance to our exporters, pursuing FTAs with new countries and better utilization of existing FTA. Other measures include extension of the Export Obligation period under the Advance Authorisation Scheme, revision in the PLI Scheme for MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Technical Textiles to ease entry and investment norms, exemption of import duty on cotton up to 31.12.2025 to ease of raw

material availability. The Government is also administering the two remission schemes of Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) for Apparel/Garments and Made- ups and the Remissions of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme for other textiles products. Further, the Ministry is in regular consultation with exporters, export promotion councils (EPCs) and all other stake holders including MSMEs to assess the impact of US tariff on India's textiles & apparel export and other challenges.

The Government is implementing various schemes/initiatives to boost the Indian textile and apparel 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.

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