

EXPORT OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has the potential to become one stop sourcing destination for brands and retailers from ASEAN as opportunities exist for textile manufacturers from the 10 nation block to invest here and cater to the domestic market as well as exports and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the country has strengths in production and exports of almost all kinds of textiles and apparel including all handloom and handicraft products that demonstrate the unique skills of the country's weavers and artisans; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to explore the same?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
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(a): Yes Madam. There exists opportunities for textile manufacturers from ASEAN to invest in India and cater to domestic market as well as exports because of competitive advantages available in India including availability of raw material, trained man-power and presense of the entire textile value chain. Further, 100% FDI is allowed in the textile sector under automatic route.

(b) & (c): Yes Madam. To increase exports of textile and apparel, Government has announced a Special Package for garments and made-ups sectors. The package offers labour law reforms, additional incentives under ATUFS, enhanced duty drawback coverage and relaxation of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act. Further, the rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) have been enhanced from 2% to 4% for apparel and made-ups w.e.f. 1st November 2017. Products such as fibre, yarn and fabric in the textile value chain are being strengthened and made competitive through various schemes, inter alia, Powertex for fabric segment, Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) for all segments except spinning, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) for all segments, etc. Government is also providing interest rate subvention for pre and post shipment credit for the textile sector and gives assistance to exporters under Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme. Further, following steps are being taken by the Government for promoting the export of Handloom and Handicrafts:

- i. Assistance for marketing study, branding, participation in Fairs and Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meets in India and abroad etc. through Marketing and other Schemes.
- ii. setting up of 8 mega clusters in the country for increasing manufacturing and exports.
- iii. providing skill upgradation training to artisans/carpet weavers.
- iv. refunding excise and customs duties for importing inputs through Duty Drawback channel.
- v. Providing assistance for manufacturing new and Innovative designs as per need.
- vi. Providing modern and improved tools to improve the production technique of artisans.
