#### LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1320 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.06.2019

#### TEXTILE AND CLOTHING SECTOR

1320. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the textile and clothing sector is witnessing signs of recovery and is expected to perform better in export and domestic markets this year vis-à-vis pervious years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether issue of the rise in imports is a matter concern for the industry; and
- (c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?

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## ANSWER

# वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a): As per DGCIS data, exports of textile & apparel including handicraft have increased by 3% from US\$ 39,239 mn in 2017-18 to US\$ 40,431 mn in 2018-19.
- **(b) & (c):** As per DGCIS data, imports of textile & apparel including handicraft increased by 3.2% from US\$ 7,319 mn in 2017-18 to US\$ 7,555 mn in 2018-19. To contain increase in imports of textile and apparel, Government increased Basic Customs Duty on 504 lines comprising apparel, carpets, fabric, madeups and others from 10% to 20%.

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