

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

INCREASE IN GST ON GARMENTS AND FABRICS

184. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the textiles and handlooms sector provide second highest employment in the country especially to middle class and lower middle class sectors and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the sector is affected due to increase in GST rates from 5 per cent to 12 per cent on garments and fabrics; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a): Government is aware that textile sector is extremely important from the view of employment generation. Traditional textile sectors like handloom, handicrafts and small scale powerloom units are the biggest source of employment for millions of people in rural and semi urban area, including a large number of women and rural population.

(b) & (c): The GST rates are prescribed on the recommendations of the GST Council, which is a constitutional body comprising members from Union Government and State/ UT Governments. Garments and fabrics continue to attract 5% GST as the decision to increase the GST rate from 5% to 12% has been deferred by the GST Council in its 46th meeting held on 31st December, 2021.
