

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2486  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON TEXTILE SECTOR

2486. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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

- (a) whether the textile and garment sector is going through a difficult period and is badly affected due to Covid-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;
- (c) the segment wise details of the garments and textiles sectors performing well during the last eight years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the export of garments and textiles has been badly affected because of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to tackle this situation and to promote exports;
- (g) whether it is a fact that negative growth rate has been reported in the export of hand made products and handicrafts compared to the last three years in the wake of the Covid and other problems;
- (h) if so, the details thereof; and
- (i) the steps taken by the Government to promote the export of abovesaid items?

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ANSWER

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

**(a) to (e):** All sectors including the textile sector were affected due to COVID-19 pandemic on account of lockdown, disruption in movement of goods & services etc. However, the sector has shown recovery by registering 41% Year-on-Year growth in exports of textile products in 2021-22 as compared to 2020-21.

Segment wise details of export of Textile products for the last eight years and the current year are as follows:

(USD mn)

Commodity	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Apr-Oct 2022-23
Readymade Garment	16,833	16,964	17,368	16,707	16,138	15,488	12,272	16,015	9,160
Cotton Textiles	11,754	11,149	10,529	11,212	12,405	10,263	11,128	17,166	6,572
Man-made textiles	5,827	5,162	5,151	5,413	5,551	5,324	4,180	6,294	3,215
Wool & Woolen textiles	202	197	175	187	222	181	109	166	113
Silk Products	143	98	76	69	76	72	76	109	60
Handloom Products	370	369	360	356	344	319	223	269	113
Carpets	1,361	1,440	1,490	1,430	1,482	1,373	1,491	1,790	817
Jute Products	316	313	321	350	340	357	397	537	283
Handicrafts	1,378	1,648	1,927	1,823	1,838	1,798	1,708	2,088	814
Total T&A including Handicrafts	38,183	37,340	37,398	37,546	38,397	35,177	31,585	44,435	21,147

Source: DGCIS Provisional data, figures are rounded off

**(f):** Government is implementing various schemes viz, Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA), SAMARTH (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector), Silk Samagra, National Handloom Development Programme, National Handicraft Development Programme, Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP), National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM), Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) etc. catering exclusively for development of textile sector in the country. Further, Government is promoting production of MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles in the country through Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles.

In order to increase the export potential, India has so far signed 13 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) including recently concluded agreement with UAE and Australia; and 6 Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with various trading partners. In order to boost export of textiles products, Government extended scheme of Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) on exports of Apparel/Garments and Made-ups. Further, textiles products not covered under the RoSCTL are covered under Remissions of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) along with other products. Government also provides financial support to various Export Promotion Councils and Trade Bodies engaged in promotion of textiles and garments exports, for organising and participating in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets etc.

**(g) to (i):** Export of handicrafts products has registered increase a CAGR of 8% in the last three years. Government is implementing National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for development of handicraft in a holistic manner and to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to the artisans.

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