

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3478
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023

EXPORT TARGET FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any export target for textile industry in the budget for the year 2023-2024;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to achieve this target;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of such countries with whom the Government is executing negotiation for Free Trade Agreement and Preferential Trade Agreement; and
- (f) the current status of textile weavers and textile industries of Bihar?

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ANSWER

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(a) to (d): The process of fixing export targets is very elaborate and several factors such as geopolitical situation, international market trends, market dynamics, industry feedback are taken into account. Meanwhile the Government is continuously monitoring export performance and taking various measures to boost production and exports.

Further, Government is implementing various schemes viz, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, 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, National Technical Textile Mission etc. catering exclusively for development of textile sector in the country.

(e): India has so far concluded 13 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and 6 Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs). India is presently engaged in FTA negotiations with some of its trading partners, notable among these FTAs are: India-UK Free Trade Agreement, India-EU Free Trade Agreement and India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) / Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA).

(f): As per the current census i.e. 2019-20, there are a total number of 12,847 handloom weavers & allied worker in Bihar. Bihar has decentralized powerloom clusters functioning in Bhagalpur (approx. 15,000 powerlooms), Gaya (Approx. 12,000 Powerlooms), Banka (Approx. 1,100 Powerlooms) and other places such as Nalanda, Kaimur which are also emerging as Weaving/Knitting Hubs.
