LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3242 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

APPAREL EXPORTS

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

- (a) whether apparel exports of the country has contracted by 11.3 percent year-on-year (yoy) in June as many textile mills in the South suspended production on account of tepid demand, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether export of fabrics, made-ups and handloom products slid 1.21 percent yoy and shipment of manmade products saw a 17.2 percent decline while export of jute products and carpets plunged 26.7 percent and 15.4 percent respectively;
- (c) if so, the details and present status along with the future action plan thereof;
- (d) whether smaller companies were the worst affected in this scenario;
- (e) if so, whether factors such as slow down in the US and EU and lack of cost competitiveness were affecting textile and clothing exports;
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the other factors affecting the textile industry at present;
- (g) whether yarn that should be exported is coming into the domestic market where it is already in excess capacity, if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) whether Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with UK is likely to provide immediate relief for Indian textile and garment exports and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a): Details of India's Apparel exports is as follows:

(Value in USD million)

Product	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022	June 2023(P)
Apparel	803.41	1,001.58	1,501.12	1,247.97

Source: DGCIS, (P)-Provisional

The export during June 2023 decline as compared to June 2022 but have exceeded the value of June 2021.

(b) & (c): Details of India's export of Fabrics, Made-ups, Man-made products, Handloom products, Jute products and Carpets is as follows:

(Value in USD million)

Product Category	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (P)
Fabrics	3,839.75	5,593.4	5,030.7
Made-ups	5,221.83	6,757.5	5,655.7
Man– Made Fibre Products (Fibre, Yarn, Fabrics, Madeups and Garments)	6,811.29	9,557.4	8,480.5
Handloom Products	223.25	269.16	182.49
Jute Products	397.35	537.49	461.71
Carpets	1,491.41	1,789.9	1,366.1
TOTAL	1,7984.9	2,4504.8	21,177.2

Source: DGCIS, (P)-Provisional

Export is a function of demand and supply and varies from time to time depending on surplus manufacturing capacity, order flow, availability of shipping containers and ships, etc.

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.

Further, Government is implementing various schemes to support textile sector viz, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA), 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.

(d) to (f): Company wise data is not available.

India faces tariff disadvantage in some of the markets such as EU, UK etc. as compared to neighboring competing nations like Bangladesh, Cambodia, Sri Lanka etc. 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.

- (g): India's export of Yarn in FY: 2022-23 was USD 4.6 billion whereas import of Yarn in FY: 2022-23 was USD 2.2 billion. India maintained positive balance of trade in Yarn in FY: 2022-23.
- (h): India is actively negotiating Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with UK. The ongoing FTA negotiation would unlock the new opportunities in several areas including textile and garment exports.