LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 764 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024

COMPETITION IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's \$60 billion man-made textile sector reels from Chinese imports glut and many weaving units in the country have been closed down or forced to cut production by 20 percent, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on one side the weaving units in the country are facing stiff cheap imports from China but on the other side textile mills that produce MMF yarn have been forced to get the yarn tested for BIS stands by spending lakhs on testing and the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian MMF manufacturers could not bring much innovation in MMF products like China, Thailand, Korea; and

(d) if so the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the man-made textile fabric units in the country?

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

(a) to (d): India has the advantage of having a strong raw materials base including manmade fibre (MMF). The industry is gearing up to tap the potential of MMF and Technical Textiles segment, which is a sunrise industry segment in the country duly supported by PLI Scheme for Textiles and National Technical Textiles Mission. Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles has been approved with an outlay of Rs. 10,683 crore over a five year period, to promote production of MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles in the country. National Technical Textiles Mission has been approved to support Technical Textiles which is mainly MMF based.

In order to increase quality consciousness, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Quality Control Orders (QCOs) have been taken up actively to regulate quality.

Directorate General of Trade Remedies, Department of Commerce handles the cases of dumping of imports into India from other countries.

Further, in order to promote MMF value chain in the country, Ministry has set up a "Textile Advisory Group on Man-made Fibre (MMF)" comprising stakeholders of the entire value chain to deliberate and make recommendations on the issues and concerns of the sector and help its growth. Government is constantly engaging with the industry both manufacturers and users and taking appropriate action on need basis.

Ministry is also supporting Export Promotion Councils/ Associations in organizing a Global Mega Textile Event i.e. BHARAT TEX 2024 in February, 2024 to showcase the strength of the Indian textiles value chain, highlighting the latest progress/ innovations in textile & fashion Industry and positioning India as the most preferred destination for sourcing and investment in textile sector.

Regular meetings are held by Department of Commerce with Ministry of Textiles to analyze the exportimport trends of the Textile sector. Regular interactions are also held with Export Promotion Councils.