

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2025
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2019

INCREASE IN LABOUR COST

2025. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

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

- (a) whether export in textile sector has decreased from \$ 48 billion last year to \$ 45 billion this year and if so, the reasons thereof;
- (b) the extent to which the increase in labour cost and competition from neighbouring countries like China, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka has affected India's export in textile sector;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give a big package to bail out knitwear and handloom sector to increase export; and
- (d) if so the details thereof and other measures taken or being taken in this regard?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): India's exports of textile & apparel sector (including handicrafts) have increased from US\$ 39.3 bn in 2017-18 to US\$ 40.4 bn in 2018-19.

(b): India faces competition from countries like Vietnam, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka which enjoy duty free access to key markets. Apparel exports from competing countries enjoy zero/preferential access to EU whereas India faces a duty disadvantage. Besides Bangladesh and Vietnam have a large and productive labour force.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal at present.
