

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1869
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

TEXTILE PRODUCTION CAPACITY

1869. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Ministry that huge production capacity is lying idle in textile and clothing industry due to sluggish exports, poor domestic demand and growing imports from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, etc.;
- (b) whether the COVID pandemic has further crippled this sector;
- (c) if so, the manner in which the Ministry is handling this grave and serious scenario;
- (d) whether the textile and clothing industry is in urgent need of immediate relief from the Government;
- (e) if so, whether any proposal has been submitted by this Ministry to the Ministry of Finance in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Ministry of Finance thereto; and
- (g) whether any package has been announced under Atmanirbhar Bharat package for textile industry and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): The global pandemic of Covid-19 has affected adversely the textile sector due to restriction on social gathering, migration of laborers, disruption of supply chain, thus affecting all the stakeholders from farmers to traders/exporters in the value chain. However, the situation improved with time and production and exports have looked up. Due to unorganized and decentralized nature of textile sector, the data with regards to production capacity lying idle with the agencies spread in rural areas across the country is not available.

Imports from both Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have fallen down in 2020-21 is as compared to preceding year. Details of Imports from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are given below:

COUNTRY	2019-2020	% Variation	2020-2021	% Variation
Bangladesh	530412.73	34.07	420243.71	-20.77
% To Total Import	9.19		9.69	
Sri Lanka	86591.57	-20.76	67981.81	-21.49
% To Total Import	1.50		1.57	
India's Total Import	5769610.90	11.63	4335081.76	-24.86

(c): The government has taken following initiatives/ measures to help ameliorate the conditions in textile sector to boost production, marketing and job opportunities in the sector on pan-India:

- i) Government has given its approval for continuation of Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) on exports of Apparel/Garments and Made-ups till 31st March 2024. The other textiles products which are not covered under the RoSCTL shall be eligible to avail the benefits, if any, under Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) along with other products. The remission of duty and tax under RoSCTL and RoDTEP scheme will make our products cost competitive in the international markets.
- ii) The Government has announced a special economic package viz. AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan for boosting economy of the country and making India self-reliant. Relief and credit support measures have been announced for various sectors including MSMEs. The weavers & artisans of textile sector can avail benefits of these relief and credit support measures.
- iii) Union Budget 2021-22 announcements include launch of the scheme of setting up mega investment textile parks. Seven mega textile parks will be set up in next three years. These parks will enable the textile industry to become globally competitive, attract large investment and boost employment generation. The scheme will enable creation of global champions in exports.
- iv) The government has announced a Production Linked Investment scheme of Rs 10,683/- crore over a five-year period covering MMF and Technical Textiles sector which will create global champions in exports. Besides, domestic production in textile sector will also grow substantially.
- v) Ministry of Textiles has undertaken to develop Craft Villages in select Handloom and Handicraft pockets of the country on important tourist circuits for integrated sustainable development of Handlooms, crafts and tourism with the combined effort of both the State and the Central Governments. 12 such craft villages are in the process of being set up now.
- vi) To support the handloom and handicraft sectors and to enable wider market for handloom weavers/artisans/producers, steps have been taken to on-board weavers/artisans on Government e-Market place (GeM) to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. So far, about 1.75 Lakh weavers have been on-boarded on the GeM portal.

vii) In light of the extraordinary circumstances witnessed in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, to augment liquidity support, opportunity for advance release of Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS) subsidy to the units was extended against submission of Bank Guarantee (BG) for recommended claims under TUFS/Amended-TUFS from April 2020 to October 2020. The measure is aimed at reviving the industry by restoring financial viability and addressing pressing concerns faced by units regarding liquidity and fund availability.

viii) A new industry valuing Rs.7000 Crore has been developed wherein over 1100 indigenous manufactures all over the country are now producing a peak of 4.5 lakh units of PPE Body Coveralls per day. India has become Atma Nirbhar –self reliant and also the second largest PPE manufacturer in the world.

(d) to (g): The Government of India announced a special economic and comprehensive package viz. AatmaNirbhar Bharat package for boosting economy of the country and making India self-reliant. Relief and credit support measures announced for various sectors. The Government of India had announced AatmaNirbhar Bharat Packages (ANB) 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 on 13th May, 2020 to 17th May, 2020, 12th October, 2020 and 12th November 2020 respectively. There is no specific fund earmarked for any specific sector in the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package. It is the composite package for all sectors mainly for helping them in improving their liquidity situation. This was done in the light of COVID-19 for all MSMEs through the banking channel.
