LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2618 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2025

INDIA-JAPAN TEXTILE TRADE AND INVESTMENT COLLABORATION

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

- (a) the extent of Japan's total textile and apparel imports in 2024 and India's exports to Japan in this period;
- (b) whether specific trade facilitation measures have been taken by the Government to significantly scale India's share in the Japanese textile import market;
- (c) whether the Government has highlighted in recent statements that Japanese investors have shown interest in the PM-MITRA Parks initiative;
- (d) if so, the list of Japanese firms currently in advanced stages of committing investments in these parks along with the timelines for operationalisation;
- (e) the specific policy instruments or incentives beyond labour and electricity subsidies that are being extended to Japanese investors to encourage long-term commitments in India's textile manufacturing; and
- (f) the manner in which the Government is supporting Indian manufacturers in adopting green practices and meeting Japanese eco-labeling and quality certifications keeping in mind that Japan's strong preference for sustainable, high-quality apparel?

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- (a): India's total textile and apparel export to Japan in 2024 is \$354 Million and Japan's total textile and apparel import from world is \$30,873 Million. (Source: UNCOM Trade database).
- **(b):** India has signed India-Japan CEPA. in 2011 to reduce tariff and non tariff barriers, simplify procedures and address structural issues to make Indian Exporters more competitive in partner markets.
- (c) & (d): During a recent high level delegation visit to Japan, series of engagements were held with leading Japanese companies across the textile value chain. During these engagements, Japanese stakeholders were invited to invest in PM MITRA parks and take advantage of India's vibrant textile ecosystem. These include companies from apparel, machinery, technical textiles and fabric processing sectors.

- (e): The Government is implementing various schemes/initiatives to promote Indian textiles sector. The major schemes/initiatives include PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme to create a modern, integrated, world class plug and play textile infrastructure; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on MMF Fabric, MMF Apparel and Technical Textiles to boost large scale manufacturing.
- **(f):** The Ministry of Textiles has constituted an Environment Social and Governance (ESG) Taskforce with the objective of enabling the transition of the Indian textile industry towards a sustainable and resource-efficient production system. The taskforce engages in deliberations with stakeholders of the industry in ascertaining the current status and issues in adopting sustainable production models.

The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) under Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan has been implementing a Human Resource Development project through a series of training programs on Japanese System of Quality Evaluation to the technical officers of Textiles Committee at various Indian textiles export hubs viz. Mumbai, Kolkata, Jaipur and Tirupur.
