

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 278
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2025

TEXTILE INDUSTRY

278. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the ICRA's downgrade of the outlook for the Indian apparel export industry from stable to negative, along with the projected decline in revenues and margins and if so, the measures being taken to address this situation;
- (b) the details of steps being taken by the Government to safeguard the overall textile industry in India, particularly small and medium exporters from the adverse effects of US tariffs; and
- (c) the measures being implemented to provide relief to India's major textile export hubs in Tamil Nadu, such as Tiruppur, Karur, Erode, Coimbatore and Salem, which are highly dependent on exports and vulnerable to tariff shocks?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
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(a) to (c): The Ministry is regularly monitoring India's export of Textile & Apparel including Handicrafts to United States and other countries in the world and tracking of the impact of US tariffs on key textile segment. The details of export in Textile Sector from April to September, 2025 as stated below clearly reflects the stability in the export performance of the Sector during the current financial year despite global challenges.

India's Global Textile & Apparel Including Handicrafts Exports (Value in USD Million)							
	Export to USA		Export to Rest of the World		Global Export		
Commodity	Apr- Sept 2024	Apr-Sept 2025	Apr- Sept 2024	Apr- Sept 2025	Apr- Sept 2024	Apr- Sept 2025	% Growth
Total T&A including Handicrafts	5,361.85	5,224.16	12,858.69	13,011.27	18,220.54	18,235.44	0.1%

Source- DGCIS

India's exports of Textiles & Apparel, including handicrafts, stood at US\$ 18,235.44 million during April– September 2025, registering a marginal but positive growth of 0.1% over the corresponding period of the previous year (US\$ 18,220.54 million).

Further, the export of Textiles & Apparel, including handicrafts from Tamil Nadu is as under:

Commodity	April-Sep 2024	April -Sep 2025	% Growth
Total T&A including Handicrafts	3,975.04	4,078.06	2.6%

Source: DGCIS (Value in USD Million)

The total exports of Textiles & Apparel (incl handicrafts) from Tirupur, Karur, Erode, Coimbatore and Salem has shown a growth of 11.4% during the period Apr-Sep 2025 compared to corresponding period of previous year.

The Ministry is in regular consultation with exporters including MSMEs to assess the impact of US tariff on India's textiles & apparel export and other challenges. The Ministry has convened two wide-ranging consultative meetings with large as well as Micro, Small and Medium (MSME) textile exporters from across the textile and apparel value chain at various levels.

The Government is implementing various schemes/initiatives to boost the Indian textile and apparel sector and enhance its competitiveness from Country and these steps are boosting the export from Country including Tamil Nadu (largest textile exporting state) and its main clusters.

(1) The major schemes/initiatives include PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme to create a modern, integrated, world class textile infrastructure; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on MMF Fabric, MMF Apparel and Technical Textiles to boost large scale manufacturing and enhancing competitiveness; National Technical Textiles Mission focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development; SAMARTH – Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program; Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain; National Handloom Development Program for end to end support for handloom sector. Ministry of Textiles is also implementing National Handicrafts Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme for promotion of handicrafts

(2) Export Obligation (EO) period under the Advance Authorisation Scheme for inputs falling under mandatory Quality Control Order (QCO) in the textile sector has been extended from six (6) months to eighteen (18) months.

(3) The Government has brought key revisions to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics, and products of Technical Textiles to address industry challenges, enhance ease of doing business, encourage fresh investments in the sector etc. The Revisions include Expansion of Eligible Products, relaxation from setting up new companies, reduction in minimum threshold of investment and incremental turnover Criteria. The revision aims to reduce entry barriers and financial thresholds, enabling faster execution.

(4) The Government has exempted import duty on cotton under HS 5201 upto 31.12.2025 for reducing the input material costs for the textile industry, ensuring adequate supply and improving export competitiveness and enhancing overall industry efficiency. This step is expected to be very useful for the cotton based textile exporting Industry of Tamil Nadu particularly from Tiruppur.

(5) The Government has rationalized the GST rate across the textile value chain to remove structural anomalies, reduce costs, boost demand, support exports and sustain jobs.

(6) The Government is also implementing Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) scheme for Apparel/Garments and Made-ups to enhance competitiveness by adopting principle of zero-rated exports. Further, textiles products not covered under the RoSCTL scheme are covered under Remissions of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) along with other products. Under RoSCTL, more than 15,000 exporters have benefitted from rebates on embedded taxes during FY 2024-25.

(7) The RoDTEP Scheme has also been extended till 31.03.2026 to provide extended support to the large as well as small scale exporters.

(8) India has signed 15 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), including the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) which was signed on 24 July, 2025. These FTAs aim to reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers, simplify procedures, and address structural issues to make Indian Exporters more competitive in partner markets.

(9) Further, the Ministry has formulated a comprehensive 40-country market diversification strategy, identifying high-potential global destinations for Indian textile exports. A structured and targeted outreach in these markets—supported by coordinated efforts of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), industry delegations, and Indian Missions abroad—aims to reduce market concentration risks, enhance India's export share, and establish a more resilient and sustainable global footprint for the Indian textile industry.

(10) The Government has approved Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE) for providing 100% credit guarantee coverage by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC) to Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) for extending additional credit facilities upto Rs.20,000 crore to eligible exporters, including MSMEs. The Scheme aims to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian exporters and support diversification into new and emerging markets.

(11) The Government has approved the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) which is anchored in a collaborative framework involving the Department of Commerce, Ministry of MSME, Ministry of Finance, and other key stakeholders including Financial Institutions, Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards, industry associations, and state governments.

The NIRYAT PROTSAHAN component of the scheme focuses on improving access to affordable trade finance for MSMEs through a range of instruments such as interest subvention, export factoring, collateral guarantees, credit cards for e-commerce exporters, and credit enhancement support for diversification into new markets.

The NIRYAT DISHA component focuses on non-financial enablers that enhance market readiness and competitiveness, including export quality and compliance support, assistance for international branding, packaging, and participation in trade fairs, export warehousing and logistics, inland transport reimbursements, and trade intelligence and capacity-building initiatives. EPM consolidates key export support schemes such as the Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES) and Market Access Initiative (MAI), aligning them with contemporary trade needs.
