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Export of Garments

6642. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN:

SHRI BUDHSEN PATEL:

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the demand of garments in America, the largest importer of Indian garments, has declined;
- (b) whether the condition of Indian garments has deteriorated in the recent years and our neighbouring countries China, Japan, Pakistan and even Bangladesh have left us behind in respect of export;
- (c) if so, the factors responsible therefor and the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether India has searched some new markets; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):
(a) No, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) and (e) Indian garments are being exported to a large number of countries. The Apparel Export Promotion Council also makes efforts, on a continuous basis, to find new markets for garment exports.

Export of Cotton Textiles

6643. SHRI S.D.N.R., WADIYAR : SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

- (a) the target fixed for export of cotton textiles during the last three years alongwith the target achieved; and
- (b) the measures proposed to boost the export of Cotton Textiles ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):
(a) The target fixed for export of cotton textiles during the last three years and the achievements have been as follows:

In Million US dollars

(Provisional)

Year	Target	Achievement
1994-95	2205.50	2783.14
1995-96	2600.00	3124.99
1996-97	3570.00	3835.38

Source: The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council.

(b) In order to boost the exports of textiles including cotton textiles, Government have been taking a number of steps, which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyer-seller meets; fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangements for duty free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

Production and Export of Tea

6644. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

SHRI T. GOVINDAN:

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the target for producing tea during 1996-97 and the achievements made so far, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for short-fall in the production of tea particularly in Southern States during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the export of tea has also been declined in comparison to the target fixed during the above period;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of tea and the export during the current vear and the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Production of tea during 1996-97 is estimated at 775.31 million kg. as against target of 790 million kg. Statewise details of production of tea are us under: