

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Textile Manufacturing Unit in Tiruppur Factory facing problem and issue of Import Duty on Cotton.**SHRI T. R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR):** Sir, first of all, I would like to associate with the matter raised by Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Sir, there are 10,000 manufacturing units in Tiruppur and more than 6 lakh workers are involved in these units. This matter is not at all heard by the BJP Government. These workers are already reeling under severe pressure. In 1985, export was of the order of Rs. 15 crore whereas now, after 37 years, it has reached Rs. 30,000 crore which is 22.87 per cent of the compounded growth rate.

Actually, cotton production is only 3 per cent to 5 per cent in Tamil Nadu. There is a demand of 120 lakh bales whereas there is production of only 3 lakh to 5 lakh bales. This demand and supply ratio is very huge. That is why, the textile associations want to have the duty concession. They have to import cotton at the rate of 11 per cent. Invariably, they have to import cotton and then only they could manufacture and compete with other countries. The Government is not listening to the voices of these units and, as a result, more than 10,000 units are suffering.

As far as the knitwear industry is concerned, it is facing a severe threat. It is about to close because of less booking orders, delay in receiving payments, non-acceptance of booked orders, and deferment of shipments also. It is because of these reasons, the industry is suffering. What is the difference? If we compare the last year's export in July, 2021, with that in July, 2022, it is minus 0.6 per cent. It is a negative impact. In August, it is minus 0.34 per cent and in September, it is minus 0.18 per cent. The negative impact is increasing. That is why, Sir, on cotton the Import Duty should be waived off. It should be exempted.... (*Interruptions*)

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श्री अधीर रंजन चौधरी: सर, जब आप बोलेने का मौका देते हैं, तो हमें बोलने दें ।... (व्यवधान) मेरे बोलने पर माइक बंद कर देते हैं ।... (व्यवधान)**माननीय सभापति:** श्री सप्तगिरी शंकर उलाका जी, आप बोलिए ।

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