

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the target for export of textiles for the Tenth Five Year Plan as compared to actual exports during the Ninth Plan;
- (b) whether the Government propose to formulate any new strategy in this respect;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

(a) The Working Group on Textiles & Jute Industry for the Tenth Five Year Plan has envisaged an export target of US\$ 31.87 billion in the terminal year (2006-07) of Tenth Five Year Plan period as against the actual exports of US\$10,715.0 million in the terminal year (2001-02) of Ninth Plan.

(b) to (d) Government have been taking a number of measures to enable the industry to achieve export targets. Some of the important initiatives are:-

i) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of readymade garment from the SSI sector. It has also raised the SSI investment limit for knitted segment to Rs. 5 crores.

ii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector.

iii) Weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS, have been extended the facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50%. Cost of machinery has also been reduced through Fiscal Policy measures. This further encourages modernisation.

iv) With a view to encouraging backward integration, the custom duty on shuttleless looms has been brought from 15% to 5%.

v) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.

vi) Facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories have been created to enable exporters to get the textile products pre-tested for conforming to the requirements of importing countries.

vii) The Government has launched a centrally sponsored scheme titled `Apparel Park for Export Scheme` for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports.

viii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme `Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) has been launched.