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TRENDS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the international trend is shifting towards synthetics, woollen and blends; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to adapt our products to that trend ?

Answer

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

(a) International trend in consumption of cotton fibre synthetic and woollen fibre is indicated in the table below:- World consumption of major textile fibre.

(In Mn. kg)

Year Cotton Synthetic/Wool Grand Total

Cellulosic Non - Cellulosic Wool Total Grand Total

1997	19318	2314	22399	1497	26210	45528
	(42.4%)		(57.6%)	(100%)		
1998	19113	2182	23398	1478	27058	46171
	(41.4%)		(58.6%)	(100%)		
1999	19428	2118	24554	1458	28130	47558
	(40.9%)		(59.1%)	(100%)		
2000	19950	2139	25490	1450	29079	49029
	(40.7%)		(59.3%)	(100%)		
2001	20306	2132	26122	1440	29694	50000
	(40.6%)		(59.4%)	(100%)		

(Source : ICAC, Commonwealth Secretariat, International Wool Secretariat, and Fibre economics Bureau)

(b) The trend in domestic consumption of fibre is similarly shifting towards synthetics. The synthetic and woollen sectors of the industry are taking advantage, alongwith the others, of schemes and concessions meant to encourage growth and competitiveness of the textile industry :-

- (i) De-reservation of woven readymade garment sector from SSI.
- (ii) Announcement in three consecutive Budgets aiming inter-alia at further rationalisation of duty structure in the textile sector and reducing costs of raw material and machinery critical to technology upgradation;
- (iii) Launching of schemes of Apparel Parks for Exports and Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme for upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres;
- (iv) Concerted action for implementation of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme and Technology Mission on the Cotton schemes;
- (v) Allowing foreign equity participation upto 100% through automatic route in the textile sector with certain exceptions;
- (vi) Launching of a programme as part of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of weaving capacities.

In addition, the announcement has been made in the Budget Speech 2003-04 of reduction in import duties on apparel grade raw wool

and excise duties on all other filament yarns, polyester filament yarn and polyester cotton, cotton viscose and all spun yarns.