

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TEXTILE EXPORTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether net export earnings from textiles has shrunk to 3.2% in 2004;

(b) whether Indian Textile Companies have been increasingly importing raw materials due to dearth of quality goods at low prices in the country; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps proposed in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) As per available Directorate General of Commerce Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) data, the net export earnings from textiles during the last three years has increased as given below:

(Value in US\$ million)

2001-02 2002-03 2003-04

Textile Export	10764.67	12412.71	13159.52
Textile Import	1539.36	1645.92	2015.34
Net Export Earning	9225.31	10766.80	11144.18
% increase/decrease of net export earning over the previous year		16.7%	3.5%

(b) No, Sir. As per latest available Directorate General of Commerce Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) data, the textile imports during the period April-June 2004 have decreased as given below:

April-June April-June % increase/ decrease over the previous year

2003 2004

Textile Imports	471.9	440.0	-6.7%
Of which			
Imports of Raw material & Semi-Raw material	283.3	230.0	-18.8%

(c) Government is closely monitoring the imports of textile items and would strive to ensure that imports do not cause any serious detriment or injury to the domestic industry.