

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES DUE TO IMPORT OF OLD TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether domestic textile industry are facing heavy losses due to import of old/inferior textiles from abroad;
- (b) if so, whether it has resulted in heavy losses of foreign exchange also;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ban the import of old textiles; and
- (d) if so, the details of action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The import of worn clothing/used garments is not in such quantity or value to pose any threat to the domestic textiles industry. The imports of worn clothing in January- September, 2009 was of the order of US\$ 44 million, which is a decline of 2.51% over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

(c) & (d): The Government has already imposed restrictions on the import of used garments keeping in view the sanitary and phyto-sanitary issues involved by bringing such imports under the 'Restricted list of Imports' vide Notification No. 7/2004-09 dated the 27th October, 2004.