

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH OF TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a perceptible growth in the export of textile products in the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been surge in employment during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts made by the Government to expand export base for textile products?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per latest available statistics textiles exports during 2009-10 (Apr-Dec) was of the order of Rs. 72036.31 crore compared to Rs. 70661.47 crore in 2008-09 (Apr-Dec), thus registering a growth of 1.95%. The share of Textiles & Clothing (T&C) in India's overall exports during this period has been over 12% as against 10.82% during 2008-09.

(c) & (d): As per the latest industry-wise employment statistics (for the quarter ending Dec, 2009) the number of jobs in the textiles sector including Apparel, Handloom and Powerloom has gone up by 4.68 lakh numbers over that of Dec, 2008.

(e): Government have introduced several incentives including tax concessions, rebates on prevailing duties, exemption from certain taxes concerning exports, enhancement of credit limits, extension of duty entitlement scheme to encourage the growth of textiles exports, as part of the Union Budget 2009-10 and through various schemes of the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14. Government is also promoting Mega Textiles Shows to showcase India's capacity and capability across the value addition chain in all segments of Textiles & Clothing, in various focus countries, with a view to enhance acceptability of India's Textiles & Clothing products.