

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SLOWDOWN IN TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating a comprehensive package to overcome the crisis prevailing in the textiles sector due to the global economic slowdown;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action plan is being drawn up by the Government to tackle the loss of job opportunities due to the crisis;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has also taken note of a recent study of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) regarding job loss in the textiles sector; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): In 2009-10, Government enabled the textiles industry to face recessionary conditions by providing fiscal stimulus packages including increased plan allocation from Rs.4090 crore to Rs.4500 crore, encompassing an enhanced allocation of Rs.3140 crore for TUFs and export incentives under the Foreign Trade Policy. The stimulus packages were extended to handlooms and garments sectors to help cushion the recessionary impact. Programmes for modernization of handlooms, powerlooms, handicrafts, sericulture and wool sector were launched. The welfare and well being of textiles workers was ensured, particularly those engaged in decentralized sectors through rigorous implementation of social security and health insurance programmes. Government has taken note of the 2009 UNCTAD study on job losses in textiles sector. In the Union Budget 2010-11, Government has launched the Integrated Skill Development Programme to improve the skill base of 30 lakh workers employed in the sector over a 5 year period. A significant recovery on production and exports was witnessed as depicted below:-

Indicator	2008-09	2009-10
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Production of fabrics in Powerloom sector (Units: Mn Sq mtrs)	33,648	36,539
Production of Fabrics in Handloom Sector (Units: Mn Sq mtrs)	6,677	6,788
Production of Fabrics in Hosiery sector (Units: Mn Sq mtrs)	12,077	13,581
Production of Spun Yarn (Units: Mn Kg)	3,914	4,188
Total Textile Exports (Units: US\$ Million)	21226.34	22379.95