

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that garment and textiles export orders have reduced from the Europe and US markets;
- (b) if so, the action being taken by the Government to improve the country's total textile exports including garment in such markets;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to explore new market in Japan, West Asia, Africa and Australia;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Textiles Ministry has recommended to the Ministry of Finance to increase the export duty of cotton to put a check on its prices; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): As per trade statistics available for the period Jan-May 2010, India's exports to US and EU countries have increased by 1.61% and 11.66%, respectively compared to the corresponding period in 2009.
- (c) & (d): The Government has already initiated action, in cooperation with the Textile Export Promotion Councils, to increase market share in Japan, West Asia, Africa and Australia through holding of Brand India Textiles Mega Shows, Buyer-Seller-Meets and participation in high profile textiles fairs and exhibitions in these countries.
- (e) & (f): An export duty of Rs.2500/- per tonne has been levied on export of raw cotton vide customs Notification No.43/2010-Custom dated 9.4.2010 read with customs Notification No.59/2010-Custom dated 10.5.2010.