

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian textile industry has emerged as one of the most significant contributors to the country's economy and is one of the main foreign exchange earning sectors;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof for the current Five Year Plan, year-wise; and
- (c) the impact of such foreign exchange on our country particularly on the domestic industry?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The textiles and clothing sector is one of the largest contributors to the national economy both in terms of employment and revenue generation. The sector accounts for 18% of industrial employment (with direct employment of 35 million) and accounts for 14% of India's industrial production. The sector is also the second largest contributor to India's foreign exchange earnings. During the 11th Five Year Plan, the total export turnover of the sector (year-wise) is as follows:

Year In Rupees Crore In US Dollar Mn As % of India's total exports

2007-08 89120.85 22146.78` 13.59

2008-09 96311.91 21226.34 11.46

2009-10 106045.80 22418.79 12.54