

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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KNITWEAR INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Knitwear industry in the country is reviving due to increased sales order received in the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the special steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote knitwear industry;and
- (d) the production of wool per annum during each of the last three years, Statewise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per latest available statistics, exports of Knitwear products during April-May, 2010 was of the order of US\$ 744.40 Million as against US\$ 714.32 Million in April-May 2009, indicating a growth of 4.21% in US\$ terms in the current year.

(c): The Government has supported the Knitwear Technology Mission (KTM) established by the Apparel Exports Promotion Council (AEPC) at Tirupur for enhancing capacities and expertise in the knitwear sector. The project would provide various support services to the industry including knowledge service, testing & certification, research, training & education, design services and investor facilitation services like technology selection etc. Besides this, the Knitwear industry is supported by the Government through Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) and various schemes provided under the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14.

(d): The State-wise production of wool, as per latest available statistics, for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 is annexed.