

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TEXTILES AND CLOTHING EXPORT

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether textiles and clothing industry in the country is facing an immense challenge in mobilising additional workers, technology upgradation and skill development programmes to fulfil production/export requirements;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to address the shortage of workers alongwith total production of textiles products and their exports, items wise in the country during the last two years, and the current year;
- (c) whether the export of readymade garments/cotton textiles/handloom textiles/man-made textiles are facing problem due to appreciation of rupees against dollar;
- (d) if so, the concessions/tax rebate to the above industries being given/to be given by the Government for their survival in the international markets; and
- (e) the share and rank of India in textile exports globally and steps taken to increase the share of Indian exports?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. To meet the training needs of the Textiles industry Government has launched the Integrated Skill Development program (ISDS) with an allocation of Rs. 229 crores in the 11th Five Year Plan. For meeting the demands of the industry for technology upgradation 11th Five Year Plan allocations under TUFS have been enhanced from Rs. 8000 crore to Rs. 15401 crore. The production of textile items for the year 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (Apr. June) and exports of textiles items during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (April-October) are at annexure.

(c): No Madam, the rupee adjustment against the Dollar has been orderly and in accordance with market fundamentals and no representation was received from industry by Government that exports have slowed down due to exchange rate fluctuations;

(d): To address Textile industry slowdown government has placed cotton and cotton yarn exports on OGL without any quantity caps, and restored DEPB benefits on cotton and cotton yarn. In addition Government has introduced several export promotion measures in the Union Budget 2011-12 as well as through schemes of Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, including incentives under Focus Market Scheme and Focus Product Scheme; broad basing the coverage of Market Linked Focus Product Scheme for textile products and extension of Market Linked Focus Product Scheme etc.

(e): As per the latest available data released by WTO Secretariat for the calendar year 2009, the share and rank of India in textiles and clothing exports globally were 4.32% (Rank: 6) and 3.62% (Rank: 5) respectively. The Government is pursuing several schemes viz. Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, Integrated Skill development Scheme, Scheme for Integrated textile Parks, Development of Mega Clusters, FDI Promotion Scheme, Common Compliance Code Scheme, participation in international fairs & exhibitions under the Marketing Development Assistance and Market Access Initiatives Schemes to increase India's share in the global exports of textiles & clothing.