

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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TEXTILES AND CLOTHING EXPORTS

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

- (a) whether the share of Indian textiles and clothing exports has declined continuously during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of concession and fund provided by the Government during the Eleventh Five Year Plan to the Indian apparel companies;
- (d) the plan of action prepared by the Government for the 12th Five Year Plan to apparel companies;
- (e) whether the demand of cotton clothes in the United States of America and other countries are on the rise and India is not able to get benefits of this; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to promote export of cotton clothes in the country?

**Answer**

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b): No Madam. As per the latest available data released by WTO Secretariat for the calendar year 2009, 2010 and 2011 the share of Indian textiles and clothing exports in World's exports were 3.98% , 3.98% and 4.11% respectively and has not been declining. Several provisions are included in the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, for providing incentives to the Textiles & Clothing sector exports which includes incentives for exports to focus markets and focus products, interest subvention on pre-shipment credit, duty-free import of trimmings etc. required by the garmenting industry and duty- free import of tools by the handicrafts industry.

(c): The measures taken by the Government to assist Indian apparel export companies to increase their export are (i) 2% interest subvention scheme on readymade garment sector extended up to March'2014. (ii) Additional incentives for incremental exports to the US, European Union and Asian countries.(iii) Additional duty credit of 2% of FOB value given on export of certain knitwear apparels for the year 2013-14.(iv) Inclusion of new Markets such has New Zealand, Cayman Islands, Latvia, Lithuania and Bulgaria under Focus Market Scheme. (v) 2% market Linked Focus Product Scheme for USA and EU extended up to 31st March, 2013. (vi) Use of Focus Market Scheme, Focus Product Scheme, status holder incentive scrip and MLFPS for payment of excise duty for domestic procurement.(vii) extension of Zero duty EPCG scheme up to 31st March, 2013.

(d): The Plan of action prepared by Government to boost the apparel exports from India are (a) Continuation of MAI (Market Access Initiatives) and MDA (Market Development Assistance) to apparel export for market diversification and to increase their share in world trade (b) Skill development programme under ISDS to make available skill workforce to apparel export sector and (c) Assistance under Technological Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).

(e) & (f): The demand of Cotton clothes in the United States of America and the European Union in terms of their import from the world and from India is as under:-

Cotton RMG imports of USA and EU from World and India

2010 2011 2012

USA's Cotton RMG import from World (US\$ Bn.) 43.28 44.35 41.59

USA's Cotton RMG import from India (US\$ Bn.) 2.76 2.76 2.34

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EU's Cotton RMG import from World (US\$ Bn.) 42.97 48.33 41.25

EU's Cotton RMG import from India (US\$ Bn.) 4.29 4.97 3.65