

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the textile export to Iran is set to increase in the coming years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by the Government to promote the exports to Iran;
- (c) whether export of cotton has steadily decreased over the years and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has noticed power shortage in some States particularly in Tamil Nadu leading to reduction in the production of cotton yarn/garments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to tide over the crisis?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is tremendous potential to increase Indian textile products to Iran especially in the fibre, yarn and fabrics segments. Both India and Iran have worked out a rupee trade mechanism for mutual trade, including payment for exports of Indian textile items to Iran. The Rupee payment mechanism is expected to push exports of Indian textile products to Iran. In view of the potential of the Iranian market for Indian textile products, INTEXPO, the exposition of Indian Textiles, was organised in Tehran, Iran during May 19-21, 2013. The event received encouraging response with visit of around 2000 Iranian buyers during the three-day Exhibition. Participants were successful in booking on-the-spot business orders to the tune of nearly US\$ 5 million.

(c): Cotton exports increased from USD 6.9 billion during 2010 to USD 7.5 billion in 2011 to USD 8.7 billion in 2012. Government under the Foreign Trade Policy has announced a series of measures for enhancing textiles sector exports including Cotton.

(d) & (e): The production of cotton yarn / garments in some States including Tamil Nadu has shown a mixed trend during the last five years. The power shortage is likely to be reduced in Tamil Nadu with commissioning of Mettur Extension Unit-1 (600 MW), North-Chennai Extension Unit-2 (600 MW) and Bhawani Kattalai-III Unit-1 (15 MW) in State Sector and Tuticorin Unit-1 (150 MW) in Private Sector. Further, Tamil Nadu would also benefit from Central Generating Stations of NTPC i.e. Vallur TPP Phase-I Unit-2 (500 MW) commissioned on 28th February, 2013.