

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the garment exporters in the country are facing stiff competition from China and other neighbouring countries for the export of readymade garments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide relief to garment exporting sector to enable them to compete with China and other neighbouring countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Indian garment exporters have to face competition from neighbouring countries for export of readymade garments. This is largely attributable to zero duty access to European Union (EU) available to Bangladesh, inclusion of Pakistan in GSP plus by the EU, difference in wage rates, labour laws, etc.

(c): The Government supports the textile export sector through various policy interventions and export promotion measures so as to increase market share in the global textile market. There are several schemes like MAI/ MDA for organizing textiles trade shows, Focus Product Scheme (FPS), Focus Market Scheme (FMS), Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) etc. to boost exports. In the Union Budget 2014-15, duty free entitlement for import of trimmings and embellishments used for manufacture of garments for export has been increased from 3% to 5% to support the garment exports.