

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Knitwear Industry

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has emerged as the second largest knitwear exporter after China despite procuring yarn from India at a higher cost and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian knitwear industry is losing out to its counterpart in the neighbouring country Bangladesh, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage textile sector to regain its position?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. As per UN Comtrade data, Bangladesh emerged as the second knitwear exporter after China. Bangladesh has exported USD 14095 million worth of knitwear during the calendar year 2014 as compared to India's USD 7,482 million during the same year. India is losing out to its counterpart in the neighbouring country viz. Bangladesh as it enjoys zero duty access in the EU, Canada, Australia, Japan, Norway and Switzerland through GSP status.

(c): In order to encourage textile sector to regain its position, Government is providing financial assistance to textiles through announcement of new Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020. Some of Export Incentive Schemes for textiles are given below:-

i) Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS)

ii) Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.

iii) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme

iv) Duty-free import of trimmings, embellishments and other specified item under Export Performance Certificate Entitlement Scheme.
