Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for manufacturing and export of textiles;

(b) if so, the quantum and value of textile products manufactured and exported during each of the last three years and the current year, product and State-wise;

(c) whether the growth in textile production and export has come down during the last few years and if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is providing any assistance/incentives/ facilities to States and exporters for creating appropriate infrastructure for the development and growth of textile sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target of manufacturing and export of textiles?

Answer

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

(a): Targets for exports of textiles for a particular year are generally fixed based on the achievement of the previous year and other relevant factors.

(b): Available information on production of Manmade Fibre, Spun yarn, Manmade Filament yarn and fabrics during last three years and the current year (2015-16) for the country and state-wise is annexed as A,B,C and D, respectively based on data maintained by the office of Textiles Commissioner. The details of exports of textile and clothing during last three years and the current year, 2015-16 for the entire country is annexed as E & F.

(c): Data of production and exports have been given in Annexure A,B,C,D,E and F. The major reasons for relatively low growth in exports of textiles are as under:-

i. The major export market for Indian cotton yarn and raw cotton is China which changed its policy of import during 2014-15 keeping in view its domestic production and cheaper imports from Vietnam and Bangladesh.

ii. Beside export of MMF textiles declined due to anti-dumping duty imposed by Turkey.

(d) & (e): In order to strengthen the textile industry in the country, Government has launched various policy initiatives and schemes. Some of the schemes / measures are Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Schemes for the development of the Powerloom Sector, Schemes for Technical textiles Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Integrated Skill Development Scheme. In order to augment the textile export, Government of has taken following initiatives:-

(i) MEIS scheme under new Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20,

(ii) Restoring Interest rate subvention for pre and post shipment credit for the textile sector

(iii) Expanding the scope of Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) since 29.10.2015 to 110 new tariff lines and increase rates or country coverage or both for 228 existing tariff lines.

(iv) Increased Duty Drawback rates for some textile articles

(v) Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme

(vi) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme

(vii) Duty free import of trimmings, embellishment and other specified items under Export Performance Certificate Entitlement Scheme.