## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3327 ANSWERED ON:12.12.2014 EXPORT INCENTIVES FACILITIES TO TEXTILES SECTOR

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## Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum and value of export of textiles from the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country and item-wise:
- (b) the incentives/facilities being provided by the Government to promote export of textiles under various schemes including focus market/product scheme and other steps taken by the Government to boost its export;
- (c) whether Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has made a case of paring of incentives provided to the textile sector, in line of the WTO commitments and has asked/ requested the Department of Revenue, not to give incentives to the sector in the proposed New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP);
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with its likely impact on the Indian Textile industry;
- (e) whether the Ministry of Textiles has objected to the said move; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) The quantum and value of exports of textiles from the country during each of the last three years and the current year are placed at Annexure-I of the reply. However, the country –wise /commodity-wise Quantity and value of export and import in last three years and the current year are available in the DGCl&S publication in CD form, namely 'Monthly Statistics of foreign Trade of India' Vol.I and Vol. II. Such CDs are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCl&S, Kolkata.
- (b) Exports are supported through schemes of Foreign Trade Policy as well as various promotional schemes of concerned Ministries/Departments. The Government has been taking a number of policy measures to boost export and harness the potential of textile sector. Some of Schemes to support export from textile sector are given below:-
- i) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme
- ii) Focus Market Scheme
- iii) Focus Product Scheme
- iv) Marked Linked Focus Product Scheme
- v) Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme
- vi) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme
- vii) Duty Drawback Scheme
- viii) Duty-free import of trimmings, embellishments and other specified item

Besides the above, Exporters of textiles sector can also avail duty free import of capital goods under EPCG scheme and raw materials under Advance Authorisation Scheme or Duty Free Import Authorization(DFIA) Scheme.

(c) to (f): The Foreign Trade Policy(FTP), 2014-2019, has not been finalized as the new FTP is under consultation and finalization. View regarding the continuation or withdrawal of any incentive to the textile sector has not been finalised.