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Title: Regarding issues and challenges with Textile Industry in India.

SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN (NANDED): Madam, Speaker, I am raising the issue about the power loom sector, which is facing a never-before downturn for last two years and is facing competition from rival countries like China, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan in terms of cheap export.

The cloth manufactured by the Indian weavers has no demand in the international market. Two major important factors for this continuous recession in the power loom sector are, as far as synthetic cloth is concerned, India has imposed anti-dumping duty on the synthetic yarn being imported from China.

China is exporting the same synthetic cloth to Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka is exporting this cheap cloth to India. The cost of this cloth is nearly 30 per cent cheaper than the cloth which is produced by the Indian weavers. It is destroying the small weavers in the country as the cost of production of cloth is higher and it is not being exported. So, they are not getting remunerative price in domestic market.

Secondly, as per the data available, India's export of cotton cloth is down by almost 23 per cent. The major export of cotton cloth was made to African countries which is now falling everyday due to cheaper cloth being exported by Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to African countries.

I feel that the anti-dumping duty which is imposed on yarn should be imposed on cloth being imported in India and further the Government used to give duty draw back to the exporters which was substantially reduced thereafter. This has also resulted in falling exports of textiles. Hence duty draw back should be introduced again at previous rates.