

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.426
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

EXPORT IN TEXTILE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether export in textile sector has decreased from \$ 48 billion last year to \$ 45 billion this year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which the increase in labour cost and competition from neighbouring countries like China, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka has affected India's export in textile sector;
- (d) whether the Government proposed to give a big package to bail out knitwear and handloom sector to increase export; and
- (e) if so the details thereof and other measures taken or being taken in this regard?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): India's exports of textile & apparel sector (including handicrafts) have increased from US\$ 39.0 bn in 2016-17 to US\$ 39.2 bn in 2017-18.

(c): India faces competition due to higher production costs and competition from other countries like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka which enjoy duty free access to major textile and apparel markets like EU. In the apparel segment India's exports witnessed a CAGR of 3% during 2013-17, while apparel exports of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka increased at a CAGR of 15% and 3% respectively during the same period.

(d) & (e): Government announced a Special Package for apparel and made-ups sectors including knitwear to improve competitiveness of exports. The packages offers labour law reforms, additional incentives under ATUFS, enhanced duty drawback coverage and relaxation of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act for apparel industry.
