

Regarding situation of textile industry in Solapur, Maharashtra due to increasing influx of low-cost Chinese micro-fibre materials.-laid

SUSHRI PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE (SOLAPUR): The increasing influx of low-cost Chinese microfibre towels is posing a serious threat to Solapur's domestic towel industry, a major textile hub in Maharashtra. These imports, often sold at prices below fair market value, are saturating the Indian market, making it difficult for local manufacturers to compete. As a result, Solapur's textile industry is experiencing declining production and financial distress, with many small-scale units struggling to survive. Thousands of workers, particularly from economically weaker backgrounds, face job insecurity due to the shrinking demand for locally made towels. To protect Indian manufacturers and workers, the Government must impose anti-dumping duties on Chinese microfibre towels. Additionally, stricter trade regulations safeguard duties, and quality control measures should be introduced to ensure a level playing field for domestic producers. Promoting the use of 'Make in India' products through policy support and Government procurement initiatives will further strengthen the local textile industry and safeguard employment in this critical sector.