

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HOSIERY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements made in the export of hosiery products during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03;
- (b) the extent to which the increase has been registered in the exports as compared to the years 1999-2000 and 2000-01; and
- (c) the steps being taken to boost the export of hosiery products ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

(a) & (b) As per available DGC I&S data, the exports of readymade garments including hosiery products during the years 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 have been as follows:-

(In US\$ million)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
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Readymade Garments including hosiery products	4464.3	5087.0	4618.7	5031.5
%age increase/decrease over the previous year	5.8%	13.9%	-9.2%	8.9%

(c) Government have been taking a number of measures to boost the exports of readymade garments including hosiery products. Some of the important initiatives are:-

- i) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of readymade garment from the SSI sector. It has also raised the SSI investment limit for knitted segment to Rs. 5 crores.
- ii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector.
- iii) Weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS, have been extended the facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50%. Cost of machinery has also been reduced through Fiscal Policy measures. This further encourages modernisation.
- iv) With a view to encouraging backward integration, the custom duty on shuttleless looms has been brought from 15% to 5%.
- v) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.
- vi) Facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories have been created to enable exporters to get the textile products pre-tested for conforming to the requirements of importing countries.
- vii) The Government has launched a centrally sponsored scheme titled 'Apparel Park for Export Scheme' for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports.
- viii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) has been launched.