

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:445

ANSWERED ON:23.12.2005

TARIFF ON EXPORT ITEMS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian textile industry is facing too many difficulties in exports due to the tariff related barriers created by the developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether other kinds of barriers have also been created for Indian textile exports by various developed countries, particularly the US;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken remedial steps for removal of these barriers; and
- (f) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELAA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.445 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.12.2005.

(a) & (b): Indian textile industry is facing tariff barriers like tariff peaks, tariff escalation and high tariffs in the developed countries. In addition, the developed countries have granted preferential duty access to some of India's competitors through Regional Trading Arrangements (like NAFTA) and Preferential Schemes (like EU GSP). With the result the Indian textile exporters are facing huge price disadvantage due to differential duties.

(c) & (d) : The textile exports to USA are also facing some Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) like labeling / marking requirements, compliance with labour and environmental standards, security parameters, verification of visas, etc.

(e) & (f): The issues of NTBs, tariff peaks, tariff escalations and high tariffs are being addressed through Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) negotiations under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in respect of import of textiles and apparels in the developed countries including USA. The objective is to have elimination of textile tariff peaks, tariff escalations, high textile tariffs and NTBs of developed countries at the earliest.