

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the value of clothes exported to other countries during the last three years; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to promote the export of clothes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) data, the value of textiles and clothing exported to other countries during the last three years i.e. 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-2004 have been as follows:

Year Value in US\$ Million

April 2001 - March 2002	9515.1
April 2002 - March 2003	10367.9
April 2003 - February 2004	10498.8

(b) To strengthen domestic textile industry for meeting the growing global competition, the following important announcements has been made in the Union Budget 2004-05:

Except for mandatory excise duty on polyester filament yarn including texturised yarn, synthetic and artificial fibres and synthetic and artificial filament yarns, the whole value addition chain has been given excise exemption option.

Additional Excise Duty on Textiles & Textile Articles (AT&T) and Additional Excise Duty (Goods of Special Importance) Act have been abolished.

Basic customs duty on various textile machinery and spare parts has been reduced to 5%.Beside, Government has been taking a number of steps from time to time to strengthen and promote the Indian textile industry. Some of the important initiatives taken are:

i) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector.

ii) 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.

iii) 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.

iv) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme' (TCIDS) has been launched.