

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.09.2020

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIAL FOR MASKS/PPE KITS

1073. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether adequate material is available in the country for manufacture of masks, PPE kits keeping in view the gravity of COVID-19 across the country; and
(b) the countries from which health related material/ equipment has been imported/exported by the textile industry?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a): Yes, Sir. From zero manufacturers in March 2020, 1100 indigenous manufacturers of PPE kits have been developed by the Government till date, most of them being from MSME sector. The capacity and production of PPE Coveralls for COVID-19 touched a peak of 5 lakh per day in mid May 2020. As on 13.9.2020, a total of 1.42 crore PPE kits have been supplied to M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. - the procurement arm of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) for use of health professionals in government hospitals.
- (b): During March to June 2020, exports of PPE Coveralls was under prohibited list. From 28.7.2020 to 24.8.2020, the exports of PPE Coveralls were allowed under quantities restriction limited to 50 lakh per month. During this period, the export authorizations were given for United States of America, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Senegal and Slovenia, the details of which are shown in the table below:-

S. No.	Country	Authorization for Exports of PPE Coveralls in July-August, 2020 (Quantity in numbers)
1.	United States of America (USA)	6,00,000
2.	United Kingdom (UK)	4,00,000
3.	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	3,00,000
4.	Senegal	4,89,500
5.	Slovenia	5,00,000
Total		22,89,500

The exports of PPE Coveralls were allowed without any restrictions with effect from 25.8.2020. With regard to N-95 masks, the exports were under prohibition with effect from 31.1.2020. Thereafter, with effect from 25.8.2020, the exports have been permitted with quantitative restriction of 50 lakh per month.
