

Export/Import of textile items

*337. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports majority of its textile needs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the import of textile items has increased recently and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government has taken to decrease import and increase export of textile items?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) No Sir, India is the 2nd largest exporter of cotton, cotton yarn and the 6th largest exporter of ready-made garments in the world. In 2011-12 India's textiles exports were USD 33.3 billion against textiles imports of USD 5.14 billion. India's textiles imports comprise of raw silk, wool, extra-long staple cotton, and man-made filaments all of which are raw materials for textiles industry.

(b) India's textiles imports increased from USD 3.36 billion in 2009-10 to USD 4.09 billion in 2010-11 to USD 5.14 billion in 2011-12. The items in which import has increased recently include clothing, wool, cotton, manmade fibres and filament. The Commodity-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*)

(c) Government in the Union Budget 2013 has announced an increase in import duty of mulberry silk from 5% to 15%. An import duty of 5% is applicable on wool sector imports and 10% on import of readymade garments and manmade filaments. Under the Foreign Trade Policy Government also provides incentives for textiles exports *viz.* incentives for exports to focus markets and focus products, interest subvention on pre-shipment credit, duty-free import of trimmings required by the garmenting industry and duty-free import of tools by the handicrafts industry.

Statement*Commodity-wise details*

(Values in USD million)

| | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12(P) | 2012-13(P) (April-December) |
|---|----------|----------|------------|--------------------------------|
| India's textiles and clothing import | 3361.53 | 4090.67 | 5142.21 | 4002.26 |
| Imports of Silk | 383.67 | 379.12 | 344.87 | 242.41 |
| Imports of Wool | 248.29 | 359.81 | 448.62 | 299.74 |
| Imports of Cotton | 499.11 | 415.91 | 511.10 | 626.03 |
| Imports of Manmade Filaments | 556.71 | 664.42 | 779.18 | 526.36 |
| Imports of Manmade Staple Fibres | 306.70 | 45.03 | 526.22 | 389.62 |
| Imports of Impregnated/ Coated etc. textile fabric | 525.34 | 621.59 | 788.86 | 550.77 |
| India's textiles and clothing export (Principal Commodity-wise) | 22418.79 | 27747.98 | 33310.21 | 21996.04 |

Formulation of a draft national fibre policy

*338.SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a draft National Fibre Policy with a decadal perspective 2010-2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targets fixed and the achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The draft National Fibre Policy has been designed with a decadal perspective of