

**Protecting domestic textile sector**

2297. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present position of the Indian Textile Industry so far as production, export and employment generation is concerned;
- (b) the details of measures taken by Government to modernize the textile industry;
- (c) whether this sector is facing stiff competition from Chinese imports; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to protect this domestic industry from Chinese imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) and (b) The Indian textile industry contributes 10% of Industrial production, 14% of the country's export earnings and it is the 2nd largest employer after agriculture employing about 45 million people.

In order to achieve sustainable growth, modernization, value addition, increase in exports and for overall development of the textile industry in the country, the Government has been implementing various policy initiatives and schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Schemes for the development of the Power-loom Sector, Schemes for Technical Textiles, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Scheme for Integrated Textile Processing Development (IPDS), etc. Further, the Government has also recently launched a ₹ 6000 crore package to incentivize production and employment generation in the garmenting Sector. These schemes and initiatives are aimed at setting up new units as well as expansion of the existing units which have potential for generating large employment opportunities.

(c) and (d) The analysis of imports from China indicates that the value of import of textile items from China has reduced from US\$ 2623.99 MN in 2014-15 to US\$ 2518.34 MN during 2015-16.

With a view to protect domestic industry, the Government takes appropriate trade protection measures. The Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) has also initiated anti-dumping investigations involving China (as on 29.6.2016) and anti-dumping duty has been imposed in the product group of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, as well as Fibre and Yarns.

**Iranian market for Indian textiles**

2298. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Iran, having just opened up, offers good scope for marketing of Indian textiles;