

Dumping of cheap Chinese fabrics and Duty-free import of man-made fabrics from Bangladesh

SHRI SAJEEV ARORA (Punjab): Mr. Vice Chairman, Sir, I would like to apprise you regarding the pressing issue faced by the Indian textile industry due to various issues. One of them is influx of cheap imports from China.

The industry is facing a dual challenge of slowing export demand and a large influx of imported fabrics and garments, particularly from China. This massive dumping of cheap, low-quality fabrics from China is causing significant harm to the Indian textile industry, especially the MSME sector. The industry seeks an immediate ban on the import of low-rate and low-quality knitted fabrics from China. It is crucial to impose a minimum import price of at least USD 3.50 per kg on all HSN codes under Chapter 60 of the Customs Tariff to protect the domestic industry.

Another pressing issue is the duty-free import of man-made fabric apparel from Bangladesh under the SAARC Agreement of 2006. Bangladesh imports cheaper fabrics from China, converts them into garments and dumps them into Indian market.

Garment manufacturing is a labour-intensive industry that provides employment opportunities, especially for women. The duty-free import should be banned immediately to promote the local industry and protect jobs. It is crucial to address these issues to ensure a level-playing field for the Indian textile industry. Hence, I urge Government to take swift action to address these concerns and safeguard the interest of the Indian textile industry. I look forward to Government's response and its plan of action to tackle these challenges. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shri Sanjeev Arora: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri Niranjana Bishi (Odisha), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam (Chhattisgarh), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu) and Shri Sant Balbir Singh (Punjab).

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