

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *368
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025

DECLINE IN TEXTILE EXPORTS

*368. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:

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

- (a) whether the textile exports have declined by 2.07 per cent in June, 2025, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is demand from textile sector for a uniform Goods and Services Tax for textiles apparel value chain;
- (c) if so the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that normal cotton is being sold as organic cotton in some States;
and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (e):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*368 FOR 19.08.2025 REGARDING DECLINE IN TEXTILE EXPORTS ASKED BY SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.

(a): India's Exports of Textiles and Apparel including Handicrafts has shown growth of 2% during Apr-June 2025 with respect to same period in previous year. Details are as under:

Value in USD Million

Commodity	APR-JUN 2024	APR-JUN 2025	% Change
Total T&A including Handicrafts	9,141	9,326	2%

Source: DGCIS (Provisional Data)

(b) & (c): The Government of India has taken various steps in the direction of rationalization and uniformity of GST Rates in textiles value chain. Jute fibre and Raw silk are exempt from GST. For cotton, raw cotton is taxed at 5% under the reverse charge mechanism and cotton yarn and fabric also have 5% GST. For jute, jute yarn, fabric and for silk, silk yarn and fabric are taxed at 5%.

Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of sale value not exceeding ₹1,000 per piece are taxed at 5%, and articles of apparel and clothing accessories with a sale value exceeding ₹1,000 per piece are taxed at 12%.

Further, Handicrafts, Handmade Carpet, Handmade Lace and Hand-woven tapestries etc. are taxed at a uniform rate of 5% GST.

The representations of the Industry received in this regard have been referred to the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance from time to time.

(d) & (e): Under the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), implemented by the Department of Commerce, the Organic cotton certification is covered till the production stage. The total production of organic cotton under NPOP during 2024-25 was 24.96 lakh MT (including 21.92 Lakh MT organic and 3.03 Lakh MT in conversion production). Post-production activities are carried out under private certifications. Certification Bodies are agencies accredited by the National Accreditation Body under NPOP for certifying organic products. Under the NPOP, appropriate action is taken wherever deviation/violations are observed in the certification and organic processes.
