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Dumping of low cost fabric by China

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(a) whether it is a fact that there has been widespread dumping of low cost fabric from China leading to closure of large number of local powerlooms;

(b) the details regarding the amount of fabric imported from China during the last three years and the amount of fabric produced locally; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to support the local industries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
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(a): While there is significant import of fabrics from China, dumping has not been established hence, there is no evidence linking closure of powerlooms with dumping. However, powerlooms in some of the clusters in the country are working at sub-optimal capacities due to increase in cotton yarn price resulting in higher cost of fabric, which leads to reduced off-take.

(b): Details of fabric (quantity) imported from China during the last three years vis-a-vis the amount of fabric production locally is as under:-

(Qty in Mn. Sq. Mtrs.)

Items 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16

A Total Import of fabrics from China (#)
1,147.92 1,479.22 1736.27

B India’s Domestic production of fabrics(*)
63,500.00 63,500.00 65,505.00

Source: Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India (#) and (*) DGCIS, Kolkata.)

(c): In order to support the local textile industry in the country, Government has launched various policy initiatives and schemes including Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Schemes for the development of the Power-loom Sector, Scheme for Technical Textiles, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Integrated Skill Development Scheme etc.

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