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## India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- Nov, 2025	: USD 1247.4 mn.
- Nov, 2024	: USD 1121.1 mn.
- Growth	: 11.3 %
- Apr – Nov 2025-26	: USD 10080.2 mn.
- Apr – Nov 2024-25	: USD 9854.7 mn.
- Growth	: 2.3 %

## (Quantity)

- Oct, 2025	: 275255.9 Thousand Units
- Oct., 2024	: 319766.1 Thousand Units
- Growth	: -13.9 %
- Apr - Oct 2025-26	: 2247582.4 Thousand Units
- Apr - Oct 2024-25	: 2191817.7 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 2.5 %

## AEPC News

### Padma Shri Dr. A Sakthivel takes charge as AEPC Chairman for historic fifth term

Padma Shri Dr. A. Sakthivel, one of India's most respected industry leaders and a pioneer of the apparel export movement, has assumed charge as the Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) for the fifth term in January 2026, marking a historic moment in his journey.

Dr. Sakthivel's leadership has left an indelible mark on India's apparel export ecosystem. His vision has been instrumental in transforming Tiruppur into a global knitwear hub.

### Chairman AEPC Calls on Hon'ble Union Finance Minister

After assuming charge as Chairman, Dr. A. Sakthivel paid his visit to the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, at her office in New Delhi.

Dr. Sakthivel expressed his sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Finance Minister for the Government's continued support to exporters, particularly for launch of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE) to provide 100% credit guarantee to exporters.

### Chairman AEPC Meets Hon'ble Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal

Dr. A. Sakthivel met Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Commerce and Industry Minister, to congratulate him on the successful finalization of various FTAs, and for his efforts in further negotiations to conclude ongoing FTA talks with the EU and other countries. He also requested that the trade talks with US counterparts be expedited and completed, so that the apparel exporting community can find some relief from the current challenges.

### Chairman AEPC Meets Secretary (Textiles) Mrs. Neelam Shami Rao

Dr. A. Sakthivel met Mrs. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Textiles and discussed various issues related to apparel exports such as tariff issues, FTAs with various countries, market diversifications, skilling etc.

### Chairman AEPC Meets Additional Secretary Mr. Rohit Kansal

Dr. A. Sakthivel met Mr. Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Textiles, and discussed the 3rd edition of Bharat Tex, scheduled for July 2026, along with other issues related to PM MITRA Parks, MMF garment production, and exports.

### Chairman AEPC Meets Director General, DGFT

Dr. A. Sakthivel met Shri Lav Agarwal, IAS, Additional Secretary and Director General, DGFT on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026, and discussed US trade tariff issues, the Export Promotion Mission, and other matters concerning the industry.

### Chairman AEPC Meets Economic Advisor Mrs. Renu Lata

Dr. A. Sakthivel met Mrs. Renu Lata, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Commerce. The meeting with Mrs. Renu Lata focused on trade and tariffs, the Council's participation in various overseas events under the Market Access Scheme (MAS), and market diversification, among other topics.

## Chairman AEPC Meets Trade Advisor Mr. Bipin Menon

Dr. A. Sakthivel met Mr. Bipin Menon, Trade Advisor and discussed strategy to enhance apparel exports among other things. He requested Trade Advisor to extend all possible support to EPCs.

## DRPSC on Commerce – Study Visit to Coimbatore on “Evaluation of India–US Trade Relation

On 8 January 2026, the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee (DRPSC) on Commerce conducted a study visit to Coimbatore on the theme “Evaluation of India–US Trade Relations” under the Chairpersonship of Mr. Dola Sen and interacted with representatives of various textile and apparel associations on the impact of US tariffs. From AEPC, the meeting was attended by AEPC Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel and Secretary General Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, who highlighted the issues faced by Indian apparel industry in exporting to US on account of steep tariff imposed by the US administration. The Committee was requested to make recommendation to the Government to provide urgent support to the industry to keep it afloat in the US market by staying competitive.

## AEPC Urges Extension of RoSCTL Benefits for AA Holders, EOUs & SEZ Units

AEPC vide its letter dated 6.1.2026 requested the Secretary (Textiles), drawing attention to the extension of RoDTEP benefits to AA holders, EOUs, and SEZ units, sought extension of RoSCTL benefits similarly to such units.

## Launch of Interest Subvention for Pre- and Post- Shipment Export Credit under EXPORT PROMOTION MISSION – NIRYAT PROTHSAHAN

AEPC, through its communication dated 5th January 2026 addressed to member exporters of the trade and industry, has requested the submission of feedback on the Draft Guidelines issued under DGFT [Trade Notice](#) No. 20/2025–26 dated 2nd January 2026. The Trade Notice has launched the Interest Subvention for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under the Export Promotion Mission – Niryat Prothsahan, with immediate effect.

This pilot intervention, operationalized through the Reserve Bank of India, aims to improve access to rupee export credit for MSME exporters. The key highlights are as follows:

- Interest subvention of 2.75% per annum on both pre-shipment and post-shipment rupee export credit.

- Maximum benefit capped at ₹50 lakh per MSME exporter per financial year.
- Support applicable only on export credit extended in line with RBI Master Directions on export credit.
- Scheme available to MSME manufacturer exporters and eligible merchant exporters for products covered under the notified positive list of HSN 6-digit tariff lines.
- Eligible exporters are required to file their intent online on the DGFT portal as per the prescribed procedure detailed in the Annexure.

## Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [National Textiles Ministers’ Conference in Guwahati to deliberate on Policy, Investment and Innovation Aimed at Making India a Global Textile Hub by 2030](#)
- [Ministry of Textiles Signs MoUs with 15 States to Strengthen Data Systems and Integrated Planning under Tex-RAMPS Scheme](#)
- [Government extends textile PLI Scheme application deadline to 31st March 2026](#)
- [Advisory to Trade – Caution against alleged demands of illegal gratification in the name of Customs Officers](#)

## Top National News

- [AEPC calls for increasing the cap limit for interest subvention scheme](#)
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- [AEPC Chief Demands Budget Aid As US Tariffs Squeeze Apparel Exports](#)

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## Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2025-26	
Months	INR
April	85.60
May	85.20
June	85.93
July	86.07
August	87.52
September	88.27
October	88.37
November	88.88
December	90.00
9 <sup>th</sup> January	90.05

Source: x-rates.com

## India's Textile & RMG update for Index for Industrial Production

Quick Estimates FY 2025-26		
Months	Textiles	Apparel
April	105.7	114.2
May	103.8	126.5
June	107.8	127.5
July	107.3	112.7
August	107.7	107.2
Sept.	110.7	100.6
Oct.	106.6	89.6
Nov.	109.6	94.4

Source: CSO

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