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

- Dec, 2025	: USD 1504.1 mn.
- Dec, 2024	: USD 1461.9 mn.
- Growth	: 2.9 %
- Apr – Dec 2025-26	: USD 11584.3 mn.
- Apr – Dec 2024-25	: USD 11316.6 mn.
- Growth	: 2.4 %

## (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

### Chairman AEPC Meets Hon'ble Union Textiles Minister

Dr A Sakthivel met Hon'ble Union Textiles Minister, Shri Giriraj Singh, seeking his blessings after assuming charge of Chairman AEPC. Dr. Sakthivel discussed various issues related to apparel exports such as tariff issues, FTAs with various countries, market diversifications, PM MITRA Parks, MMF garment production etc.

### Chairman AEPC Meets Hon'ble Textile Minister of State

Dr. A Sakthivel met Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Textile Minister of State and discussed various issues related to apparel exports such as tariff issues, FTAs with various countries, market diversifications, PM MITRA Parks, MMF garment production etc.

### Chairman AEPC Meets Secretary Commerce

Dr. A Sakthivel, on taking over the Chairmanship, met Shri Rajesh Agarwal, Secretary Commerce and discussed US trade tariff issues, the Export Promotion Mission, and other matters concerning the industry.

### AEPC Chairman's objection to Federation of Ship Agents Association of India (FSAI)'s demand for mandatory routing of factory-stuffed export containers through CFSs

Chairman AEPC vide its letter dated 12.1.2026 requested the Chairman, CBIC to not consider FSAI's demand of mandatory routing of factory-stuffed, RFID-sealed export containers through Container Freight Stations (CFSs). He urged CBIC to take a considered view on the matter only after comprehensive stakeholder consultations with all concerned agencies.

### Chairman AEPC requested Additional Secretary and Director General, DGFT to Expedite the Self-Ratification Advance Authorization Special Scheme for Apparel Sector (SSAS)

Chairman AEPC vide its letter dated 13.1.2026 requested the Additional Secretary and Director General, DGFT to expedite the introduction of a Special Scheme for Apparel Sector (SSAS) in place of the existing SAAS, aimed at simplifying duty-free import of fabrics. He highlighted that self-ratification of consumption norms is essential for the apparel industry due to frequent changes in styles, designs, and market requirements, which make standard norms impractical and time-consuming. He also highlighted that the proposal was extensively discussed with all stakeholders, and is currently under final consultation with the Department of Revenue.

### Chairman AEPC requested Secretary, DFS for Intervention for Effective Implementation of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters

Chairman AEPC vide its letter dated 14.1.2026 requested the Secretary, Department of Financial Services for effective implementation of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE). He highlighted concerns raised by member exporters that some major foreign banks, including Citi Bank and Standard Chartered Bank, are not extending credit support under the scheme despite significant exposure to the apparel export sector. Emphasizing that timely access to credit is critical to sustaining exports and safeguarding

employment, he urged the Department to intervene with banks—particularly foreign banks—to extend full cooperation in implementing CGSE at the ground level.

### AEPC Chairman on RMG Exports – December 2025

RMG exports for the month of December 2025 has increased by 2.9% as compared to December 2024 and increased by 16.1% as compared to December 2023. Cumulative RMG exports for the period April- December 2025-26 is USD 11584.3 million. showing a growth of 2.4% over April-December 2024-25 and a growth of 14.2 % over April-December 2023-24.

Commenting on the December 2025 RMG export data, Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, said that the sector recorded a modest growth of 2.89%, reflecting the resilience of Indian apparel exporters despite global challenges such as inflationary pressures and geopolitical uncertainties.

### AEPC Chairman Requested the Targeted Budget Support for RMG Industry

Ahead of the Union Budget, Dr A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, thanked the Government for its consistent and proactive support to the RMG industry. Highlighting pressures from sharp tariff hikes in key markets like the US and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties, he said the apparel sector seeks targeted, time-bound measures to enhance competitiveness, protect employment, and sustain exports.

Few of the important demands made by AEPC to the government are as follows:

- Introduction of a Focus Market Scheme (FMS) for Apparel Exports to the USA
- Strengthening Interest Subvention under Export Promotion Mission
- Accelerated Depreciation for Technology and Capacity Upgradation
- Extension of the 15% Concessional Tax Rate under Section 115BAB
- New Technology Upgradation Scheme for Micro Units

### AEPC's participation in "International Apparel and Textile Fair" in Dubai, UAE

AEPC is going to participate in the "International Apparel and Textile Fair" in Dubai, UAE to be held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)/Festival Arena in Dubai, UAE. AEPC circulated the details to the trade on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

Early Bird Discount will be Rs. 15,000/- If payment is made on or before 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

The last date for submission of application with payment is 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

The detailed circular can be seen by clicking <https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/AEPC.pdf>

### Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [CBIC Circular No. 01/2026-Customs - Extending export benefits for exports made through Postal mode- Amendment to Circular No. 25/2022-Customs dated 09.12.2022](#)
- [CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NUMBERS ON BASE 2012=100 FOR RURAL, URBAN AND COMBINED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2025](#)
- [The cumulative exports \(merchandise & services\) during April-December 2025 is estimated at US\\$ 634.26 Billion, as compared to US\\$ 607.93 Billion in April-December 2024, an estimated growth of 4.33%.](#)

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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
16 <sup>th</sup> January	90.12

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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