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

- April, 2026	: USD 1211.5 mn.
- April, 2025	: USD 1371.3 mn.
- Growth	: -11.7%
- Apr – March 2025-26	: USD 15772.1 mn.
- Apr – March 2024-25	: USD 15990.6 mn.
- Growth	: -1.4 %

## (Quantity)

- Jan., 2026	: 375816.5 Thousand Units
- Jan., 2025	: 396849.1 Thousand Units
- Growth	: -5.3 %
- Apr – Jan 2025-26	: 3294839.7 Thousand Units
- Apr - Jan 2024-25	: 3223055.2 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 2.2 %

## AEPC News

### AEPC requests to continue the existing rates of RoSCTL for another two years

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC vide letter dated May 19, 2026 to Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance requested that the existing rates of RoSCTL may be allowed to continue for at least two years till the geo political situation and global economic scenario settle down.

### AEPC Welcomes Temporary Exemption of Customs Duty on Cotton Imports

AEPC welcomed the Government of India's decision to temporarily exempt customs duty on cotton imports from 1 June 2026 to 30 October 2026.

The measure is expected to improve cotton availability, ease raw material cost pressures, and strengthen the competitiveness of India's textile and apparel exports.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, expressed his sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership and continued support to the textile and apparel sector.

He also thanked Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh, and Hon'ble Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Shri L Murugan for their timely intervention and support.

### AEPC requests for appropriate relief in meeting average export obligation requirement for the financial year 2025-26 and 2026-27

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC vide letter dated May 18, 2026 to Shri Lav Agarwal, DGFT highlighted the difficulties faced by apparel exporters under the EPCG Scheme in maintaining the Average Export Obligation (AEO). It was submitted that though DGFT provided limited AEO relief for select HS codes, it did not address market-specific export decline affecting exporters dependent on the USA market. Due to the steep 50% tariff imposed by the USA and the resulting 30–31% duty disadvantage vis-à-vis competing countries, apparel exporters suffered significant loss and slowdown of export orders. In view of these circumstances, AEPC requested suitable relaxation in AEO requirements for FY 2025-26 and 2026-27 for exporters predominantly shipping to the USA.

### AEPC Requests Submission of Textile Statistical Returns (TSR) through TSRS Portal

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG, AEPC, vide circular dated May 18, 2026, requested member exporters to mandatorily submit Textile Statistical Returns (TSR) through the Textile Statistical Returns System (TSRS) Portal, as implemented by the Ministry of Textiles. He further advised that timely submission of TSR will facilitate compilation of sectoral statistics and support various policy initiatives of the Government.

## [AEPC Participates in Stakeholder Consultation on Strengthening Apparel & Textile Export Ecosystems under the DEH Activation Drive](#)

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC attended the stakeholder consultation on May 20, 2026 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Commerce & Industries) on strengthening apparel and textile export ecosystems under the DEH (Districts as Export Hubs) Activation Drive on May 20, 2026.

The discussions focused on enhancing district-level participation in export efforts through e-commerce promotion, export facilitation centres, district branding, market mapping, and stronger MSME support. Key recommendations included linking DEH strategies with FTAs, improving incentive disbursement mechanisms, promoting sustainability and traceability compliance, and adopting differentiated support models for Tier A, B, and C districts.

## [AEPC Organizes Webinar on Recent Reforms in GST - Way Forward and Impact on Apparel](#)

AEPC, in collaboration with the Center for International Trade Excellence (CITE), organised a webinar on May 21, 2026 on “Recent Reforms in GST: Way Forward and Impact on Apparel Exporters” to help exporters understand the evolving GST framework and its implications for the apparel sector. The webinar was addressed by Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG, AEPC, Shri Vijay Kumar, Director, CITE, and Shri Rajnish Kumar, GST Expert.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur highlighted the role of GST in unifying indirect taxes and stressed the need for exporters to stay updated on GST developments to maintain global competitiveness. Shri Vijay Kumar spoke about CITE's capacity-building initiatives and training programmes, while Shri Rajnish Kumar presented key GST reforms, including GST rate rationalisation and correction of inverted duty structures.

The interactive Q&A session covered issues relating to GST refunds, GST rates, merchant exporters and DTA sales from SEZ units. The webinar was attended by more than 100 exporters.

## [AEPC Organizes CXO Exclusive E-commerce Exports Outreach Discussion with Amazon in Bengaluru](#)

AEPC, in collaboration with Amazon, organized a “CXO Exclusive E-commerce Exports Outreach Discussion with Amazon” at St. Mark's Hotel, Bengaluru on May 21, 2026. The programme witnessed participation from 32 industry

representatives, and focused on opportunities in e-commerce exports and global market access through Amazon Global Selling. The interactive session included technical presentations and discussions, with participants actively engaging and seeking clarifications on export opportunities through e-commerce platforms.

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- [Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles launches Bharat Tex 2026 Mobile App](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Index of Industrial Production - New Series with Base year 2022-23](#)
- [Government temporarily exempts Customs duty on Cotton Imports from 1 June to 31 October 2026, balancing the interests of farmers and Textile Industry](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 06/2026-2027 - Electronic filing and Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin \(CoO\) under India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement \(India-Oman CEPA\) with effect from June 01, 2026](#)

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### **Currency Trend**

<b>INR versus USD FY 2026-27</b>	
<b>Months</b>	<b>INR</b>
April	93.40
30 <sup>th</sup> May	95.01

Source: x-rates.com

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

<b>Quick Estimates FY 2025-26</b>		
<b>Months</b>	<b>Textiles</b>	<b>Apparel</b>
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
September	110.7	100.6
October	106.6	89.6
November	110.0	105.3
December	111.1	109.4
January	109.7	108.7
February	107.0	100.7
March	108.9	123.6

Source: CSO

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