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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- June, 2026	: USD 1162.3 mn.
- June, 2025	: USD 1309.8 mn.
- Growth	: -11.3%
- Apr – June 2026-27	: USD 3671.0 mn.
- Apr – June 2025-26	: USD 4192.6 mn.
- Growth	: -12.4 %

AEPC News

Bharat Tex 2026 Scales New Heights; AEPC Plays Pivotal Role in Record Success

Bharat Tex 2026 concluded on 17th July 2026 as its most successful edition yet, reaffirming India's position as a preferred global textile and apparel sourcing destination. Inaugurated by Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh in the presence of Union Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, senior officials, industry leaders and international delegates, the four-day event saw AEPC play a pivotal role in strengthening the apparel segment through global buyer engagement, strategic partnerships and policy initiatives.

AEPC facilitated one of the largest international buyer engagement programmes at Bharat Tex 2026, with 1,365 registered overseas buyers and 722 registered buying consultants. During the four-day event, overseas buyers from over 80 countries visited the apparel halls, resulting in extensive B2B meetings with Indian exporters and generating business worth USD 950 million. The event witnessed participation from several leading global retailers, brands and sourcing companies.

Investment promotion remained a key focus during Bharat Tex 2026. The Ministry of Textiles organised a dedicated Trade and Investment Session, presided over by the Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh and attended by the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, senior officials of the Ministry of Textiles, industry leaders and investors. The session

highlighted India's growing attractiveness as a global textile and apparel investment destination, showcased investment opportunities across the textile and apparel value chain, and reinforced the Government's commitment to promoting domestic and global investments in the sector.

With the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) coming into force during Bharat Tex 2026, the landmark agreement remained one of the major highlights of the event. The session titled "India-UK CETA in Action: Shaping the Future of Textile Trade and Investment," jointly organised by ITPO and AEPC, was attended by the Union Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita, the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Chairman, ITPO, Shri Jawed Ashraf, and Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, along with senior government officials and industry leaders.

A high-level roundtable titled "India's FTA Moment: Gateway for Textile Value Chains, Market Access and Sourcing Decisions" was also held during Bharat Tex 2026, bringing together policymakers and industry leaders to discuss how India's expanding network of Free Trade Agreements can strengthen the country's position in global textile and apparel value chains. The session was attended by Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, and Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC and senior govt officials. Organised with the participation of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, the discussion focused on leveraging FTAs to enhance market access, attract global sourcing, improve competitiveness, and position India as a preferred sourcing destination for international buyers.

The Tiruppur apparel cluster attracted strong international buyer interest, while AEPC signed a strategic MoU with the Government of Madhya Pradesh to strengthen the state's apparel manufacturing ecosystem. AEPC also participated in key sessions on sustainability, FTAs, investment, innovation and manufacturing competitiveness. Exhibitors reported strong business enquiries, while international buyers appreciated India's manufacturing excellence, sustainability initiatives and reliable supply chains.

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC said the overwhelming response from global buyers reflected growing confidence in India's manufacturing capabilities which in turn will help acceleration of apparel exports, investments and employment.

AEPC Requests Retention of Mandatory RCMC Requirement under FTP 2023

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC vide letter dated 24th July 2026, requested DGFT to retain the mandatory Registration-cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) requirement under Para 2.57 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023.

The letter was submitted in response to DGFT's proposal to exempt export consignments up to ₹10,000 FOB value from RCMC requirement.

AEPC highlighted that RCMC serves as a vital link between exporters and Export Promotion Councils, enabling policy dissemination, industry feedback, handholding support and capacity-building initiatives.

AEPC cautioned that such exemption may create a parallel segment of exporters outside the EPC ecosystem and impact efforts to onboard new entrepreneurs, particularly e-commerce exporters.

AEPC requested DGFT to retain the existing mandatory RCMC framework to strengthen institutional support for export promotion and inclusive growth.

HCIM Reviews Export Scenario with EPCs and Industry Associations

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC along with Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC participated in the Export Promotion Councils' Review Meeting, chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal, on 29th July 2026, in the presence of the Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal and several senior government officials from the Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade and DPIIT.

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC gave a presentation regarding AEPC on the measurable and accountable KPI-driven EPC framework and the Council's roadmap for accelerating India's apparel exports.

The presentation highlighted the short-term, medium term and long-term strategies adopted by the Council to take apparel exports to a high growth trajectory. It also emphasized on the need have a stable and predictable policy regime, continued RoSCTL support, enhanced

interest equalization support, capital subsidy to promote automation and industry 4.0 in the apparel manufacturing and accelerated depreciation norms on capital investment in the apparel industry, among others.

The Chairman AEPC Dr. Sakthivel insisted on expediting the roll-out of the proposed special scheme for the Apparel sector to facilitate easier and flexible import of fabrics for garment exporters to strengthen the sector's global competitiveness.

The meeting also focused on the impact of the evolving situation in West Asia on India's exports, shipping, logistics, supply chains and market access. Participants also discussed sector-specific challenges, mitigation measures and policy interventions required to minimise disruptions to international trade.

Constitution of Committee to Review RoSCTL Scheme

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG, AEPC, has been appointed as the Member Secretary of the Committee constituted by the Ministry of Textiles to review the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme.

The Committee comprises senior officials of the Ministry of Textiles and representatives from leading textile Export Promotion Councils and industry bodies.

It has been entrusted with examining RoSCTL rates, rebate caps, sectoral issues and other operational aspects of the Scheme before submitting its recommendations to the Ministry.

AEPC attends Textile Roundtable led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC attended the Textile Roundtable on 16th July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam Led by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh. The Roundtable focused on investment opportunities, infrastructure, competitiveness, sustainability, supply chains, skilling, and policy support.

AEPC signs MoU with Government of Madhya Pradesh

AEPC signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Madhya Pradesh at Bharat Tex 2026 on 16th July 2026 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav.

The MoU aims to support the invest Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2027 and strengthen collaboration

to promote investment and export opportunities in the apparel sector.

India Apparel & Accessories Fair (IA&AF) 2026 – Tokyo, Japan

The India Apparel & Accessories Fair (IA&AF) 2026 was inaugurated on 29th July 2026 in Tokyo, Japan, marking another significant milestone in promoting India's apparel exports and strengthening global trade partnerships.

The fair was inaugurated by H.E. Ms. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, Ambassador of India to Japan, in the presence of Shri K. M. Subramanian, Chairman (EP), Shri Lalit Thukral, EC Member, AEPC, Shri Dilip Trivedi, EC Member, AEPC, representatives of JIIPA, industry leaders, and distinguished guests.

With 159 stalls featuring 156 AEPC exhibitors, the India Pavilion showcases the best of India's apparel and fashion accessories, reflecting the country's manufacturing excellence, innovation, and growing export potential.

Following the inauguration, H.E. Ms. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, accompanied by the AEPC Executive Committee Members, visited the India Pavilion and interacted with the participating exhibitors. The visit to the India Pavilion and interactions with exhibitors highlighted new business opportunities and reaffirmed India's commitment to expanding its presence in the Japanese market.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [DGFT Trade Notice 14/2026-27 - Inputs on proposed amendment to Para 2.57 of FTP 2023 relating to de minimis exemption from RCMC requirements for low-value exports](#)
- [PIB News - Bharat Tex 2026 Witnesses Unprecedented Business Momentum and Massive Footfall](#)
- [PIB News - "White Gold: India's Cotton Story" - "From Seed to Shirt"](#)
- [The Gazette of India - No. 67/2025-26 Amendment in Para 9.05 of FTP 2023 to remove per-consignment value limit for courier exports](#)
- [PIB News - India's Index of industrial production records growth of 7.3% in June 2026](#)

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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2026-27	
Months	INR
April	93.40
May	95.44
June	95.00
30 th July	95.37
Source: x-rates.com	

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

Quick Estimates FY 2026-27		
Months	Textiles	Apparel
April	132.6	91.6
May	136.2	94.5
June	136.4	95.6
Source: CSO		

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