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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- August, 2026	: USD 1200.7 mn.
- August, 2025	: USD 1234.6 mn.
- Growth	: -2.7%
- Apr – August 2026-27	: USD 6149.7 mn.
- Apr – August 2025-26	: USD 6765.6 mn.
- Growth	: -9.1 %

AEPC News

AEPC Seeks Regulation of Cotton Yarn Exports

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, vide letters dated 28th August 2026 to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, and Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, urged the Government to consider suitable measures to keep a floor price on exports of cotton yarn of 20s count and above to stabilise domestic prices.

He highlighted that cotton yarn prices have increased by around 60%, from approximately Rs.250/kg in early 2026 to around Rs.400/kg, due to supply-side constraints and increased exports.

The sharp rise in yarn prices has significantly increased fabric and apparel manufacturing costs, adversely affecting the competitiveness of Indian apparel exporters.

AEPC highlighted that garment exports generate substantially higher value addition, foreign exchange earnings and employment compared with exports of raw cotton and cotton yarn.

The letter emphasised the need to ensure adequate availability of cotton yarn to the domestic apparel industry at competitive prices.

AEPC has sought Government intervention to stabilise yarn prices to support the competitiveness and growth of India's apparel exports.

Indian Textile Delegation Strengthens Global and India-France Textile Partnerships in Paris

A high-level Indian textile delegation led by Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, visited Paris in early September 2026 to participate in Texworld Apparel Sourcing Paris and Première Vision and strengthen India's engagement with the global textile and apparel industry. Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC joined the delegation.

The delegation visited Indian exhibitors and held discussions with the organisers of Texworld to facilitate greater participation and enhance opportunities for Indian textile and apparel exporters.

As part of the visit, the delegation also engaged with leading French fashion and retail players, including Okaidi, Galeries Lafayette, CHANEL's le19M, LVMH and Monoprix.

The discussions explored opportunities in apparel and textile sourcing, product development, sustainable manufacturing, craftsmanship, design and responsible supply chains.

The engagement with Okaidi focused on children's apparel, while discussions with Galeries Lafayette covered textile and apparel sourcing and design-led collaborations.

At CHANEL's le19M, the focus was on luxury craftsmanship, artisanal techniques and high-value sustainable manufacturing, while discussions with Monoprix explored apparel sourcing and expanding market access for Indian products.

Discussion with LVMH covered textile and apparel sourcing, luxury manufacturing, craftsmanship, sustainability, design and product development.

The engagements highlighted India's strengths in handlooms, embroidery, natural fibres, craftsmanship and sustainable textile and apparel manufacturing.

The visit reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening global partnerships, expanding market access and

positioning India as a reliable partner in high-value textile and apparel manufacturing.

Strengthening Global Opportunities for Indian Apparel Exporters

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC along with EC Member Mr. N. Thirukkumaran and Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Director, Bharat Tex, held a fruitful meeting with Mr. Frederic Bougeard, President & CEO, Messe Frankfurt, Mr. Nicolas, Director – Apparel, Messe Frankfurt, and Ms. Priyanka, Messe Frankfurt India.

The discussions focused on creating greater opportunities for AEPC members to participate in Messe Frankfurt textile and apparel fairs across Europe, including the possibility of dedicated booths and pavilions tailored to the requirements of Indian exporters.

The Messe Frankfurt leadership acknowledged the growing importance of India's textile and apparel sector and its increasing role in the global market.

Both sides expressed their commitment to working closely together to facilitate and strengthen Indian exporters' participation in international fairs and create new avenues for global business, visibility and buyer engagement.

Webinar on Export Growth Opportunities for Apparel MSMEs

AEPC, in collaboration with Wadhwani Foundation, organised a webinar on "Local Roots, Global Reach: The Next Growth Journey for India's Apparel MSMEs" on 2nd September 2026, focusing on export readiness and expanding into international markets.

The session covered key requirements for starting an export business, including GST registration, IEC, RCMC, banking and suitable business structures. Participants were briefed on various export modes and B2B and D2C business models.

The webinar highlighted factors for selecting suitable overseas markets, including market potential, competition, quality requirements, payment terms and FTA benefits. Guidance was also provided on identifying genuine buyers, export pricing, costing, logistics, Incoterms and payment terms.

An interactive Q&A addressed practical queries on developing export readiness and utilising Government support. The webinar was attended by more than 150 exporters.

Webinar on Digital Product Passport (DPP) and EU Market Requirements

AEPC, in collaboration with StableDPP, organised a webinar on "DPP and its Increasing Importance to the EU Market" on 8 September 2026, focusing on digital traceability and evolving compliance requirements for textile and apparel exporters.

The session provided insights into the Digital Product Passport (DPP) framework under the EU's Eco-design for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR), with textile-specific requirements planned from 2027. Participants were briefed on DPPs as secure digital records covering product identity, materials, manufacturing, supply-chain traceability, certifications and sustainability information. The webinar also highlighted the role of QR-based DPPs and blockchain technology in enabling secure and verifiable product information across the textile value chain.

The session provided practical guidance on strengthening supply-chain transparency, compliance preparedness and buyer confidence. The webinar was attended by more than 150 exporters.

Webinar on Market Access and Regulatory Compliance in African Markets

AEPC, in collaboration with Intertek, organised a webinar on "Market Access & Regulatory Compliances for Apparel Exporters in African Market" on 10 September 2026, focusing on market access and regulatory requirements for apparel exports to African markets.

The session covered conformity assessment programmes applicable to key markets, including Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Tanzania and Uganda. Participants were briefed on country-specific requirements, including Nigeria's SONCAP and Kenya's Certificate of Conformity (CoC) under the PVoC programme. Guidance was provided on labelling, testing, inspection, documentation, container sealing and issuance of Certificates of Conformity. The webinar also explained Certification Routes A, B and C for different exporter profiles.

An interactive Q&A addressed practical queries relating to certification, testing laboratories and documentation. The webinar provided practical guidance to facilitate compliant and smooth access to African markets and was attended by more than 100 exporters.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [CBIC dated 03.09.2026- amendment to Circular no. 08-2026 - customs dated 28.02.2026- rationalization of documentation requirements under the Eligible manufacture importer \(EMI\) Scheme](#)
- [Notice No 26 dated 07.09.2026- Comments/views on proposed suspension of 544 Standard Input Output Norms \(SIONs\) remaining unutilized during the last three financial years.](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice No.25 dated 07-09-2026 Introduction of Open API Integration for Certificate of Origin \(CoO\) through Trade Connect e-Platform.](#)
- [PIB dated 11.06.2026 -Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal Calls for Deeper, Resilient and More Balanced Intra-BRICS Trade](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 27 dated 14.09.2026 Inviting comments/suggestions on Amendment in Para 2.93 of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023 – Rules of Origin \(Non-Preferential\)](#)
- [PIB dated 15.09.2026-The cumulative exports \(merchandise & services\) during April-August 2026-27 is estimated at US\\$ 399.27 Billion, as compared to US\\$ 345.55 Billion in April-August 2025-26, an estimated growth of 15.55%](#)
- [DGFT Notification 36 dated 15.09.2026 De minimis exemption from Registration-cum-Membership Certificate \(RCMC\) requirements for low-value exports.](#)

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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2026-27	
Months	INR
April	93.40
May	95.44
June	95.00
July	95.92
August	95.43
15 th September	95.83
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
July	135.5	95.9
Source: CSO		

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