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India's RMG Export to World (Value)	
- Sept., 2026	: USD 1133.9 mn.
- Sept., 2025	: USD 997.5 mn.
- Growth	: +13.7%
- Apr – Sept. 2026-27	: USD 7282.9 mn.
- Apr – Sept. 2025-26	: USD 7763.1 mn.
- Growth	: -6.2 %

AEPC News

AEPC Seeks Urgent CBIC Intervention to Resolve EGM/STUFF System Errors Affecting Export Shipments

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, in a letter dated 15th October 2026 to the Director General of Systems, CBIC, sought urgent intervention to resolve EGM/STUFF system validation errors affecting apparel exporters at Chennai, Ennore, Kattupalli and other ports across India.

He highlighted that discrepancies in Package Type and Marks & Numbers in even a few Shipping Bills were resulting in the blockage of other correctly filed Shipping Bills in the same container, causing delays in shipment closure and the release of RoSCTL, drawback, IGST refunds and other export benefits. The reported backlog involved export consignments valued at approximately Rs.100 crore, with further cases continuing to accumulate.

Chairman, AEPC, urged CBIC to introduce Shipping Bill-wise validation, protect compliant exporters from delays caused by discrepancies in other declarations, provide online rectification facilities, review validation parameters and expedite pending cases. He also sought stakeholder consultations to identify the root causes and implement a sustainable solution, while emphasising that stronger data validation should not disrupt compliant exports or adversely affect exporters' liquidity.

AEPC Seeks Exemption from Anti-Dumping Duty on Polyester Textured Yarn

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, vide letter dated 22nd October 2026 to the Additional Secretary & Director General, Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), urged non-imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of Polyester Textured Yarn (PTY) originating in or exported from China.

He highlighted that India is actively developing its man-made fibre (MMF) ecosystem to align apparel exports with global demand and address the imbalance between cotton-based and MMF-based garmenting. He also emphasised that international garment manufacturers from Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong and other regions are investing in India to develop winterwear and activewear manufacturing facilities that require MMF inputs.

Chairman, AEPC cautioned that imposing anti-dumping duty on this critical raw material could undermine these investments and render Indian MMF garment manufacturing and exports less competitive in the international market.

AEPC Hosts Interactive Meeting with Ms. Manisha Chatterjee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, to Address Key Concerns of Apparel Exporters

AEPC, led by Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel, hosted Ms. Manisha Chatterjee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, for an interactive meeting with AEPC Executive Committee members.

The discussion focused on key challenges facing apparel exporters, including rising production costs, labour-related issues, raw material availability, policy stability and the effective implementation of government support schemes.

The interaction provided an opportunity for industry representatives to share their concerns and suggestions, fostering constructive dialogue on strengthening India's apparel export ecosystem and enhancing its global competitiveness.

AEPC remains committed to facilitating industry–government engagement to address exporters' concerns and support the sustained growth of India's apparel sector.

AEPC Participates in Barcelona Textile Expo 2026 with 32 Indian Exhibitors

AEPC participated in the Barcelona Textile Expo, Spain, held from 21st to 23rd October 2026, with 32 Indian exhibitors showcasing India's textile and apparel capabilities. The India Pavilion was inaugurated on 21st October 2026 by Mr. Inbasekar Sundaramurthi, Consul General of India in Barcelona, along with Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, in the presence of Ms. N. S. Aarsha, Consul and Head of Chancery, and Mr. Sumodh, Vice Consul and DDO.

Dr. A. Sakthivel led the Indian delegation, welcomed the dignitaries and participating exporters, and reaffirmed AEPC's commitment to promoting Indian textile and apparel exports and strengthening international trade relations.

Dr. A. Sakthivel Chairman AEPC elected as the new Chairman of the BTTF

The Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF), at its 12th Board Meeting held in New Delhi on 28th October 2026, elected Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, as its new Chairman**.** Mr. Bhadresh Dodhia was re-elected as Co-Chairman, while Mr. Sudhir Sekhri was appointed Treasurer.

Dr. A. Sakthivel reaffirmed BTTF's commitment to strengthening India's textile and apparel exports, expanding international market access and enhancing engagement with global buyers. A key priority of the new leadership will be the successful organisation of Bharat Tex 2027, scheduled from 31st March to 3rd April 2027, to showcase India's textile capabilities, facilitate business partnerships and reinforce India's position as a leading global textile and apparel hub.

AEPC Organises Webinar on "Achieving Consistent Textile Colour in a Digital World"

AEPC, in collaboration with X-Rite Pantone, organised a webinar on 15th October 2026 to highlight the importance of colour consistency, digital colour management and quality control in the textile and apparel supply chain.

Attended by over 100 exporters, the session focused on minimising colour-related rejections, reducing production costs and improving operational efficiency. Experts from X-Rite Pantone emphasised standardised colour data, calibrated instruments, spectrophotometers and digital workflows for accurate colour measurement and reliable approvals.

Practical demonstrations covered colour quality control, Delta E measurement, production monitoring and digital dye formulation. The session also highlighted early identification of colour-related risks and the adoption of integrated digital solutions to enhance quality, compliance and sustainability across the value chain.

AEPC Organises Webinar on Export Finance, Government Schemes and Banking Services

AEPC, in collaboration with Axis Bank, organised a webinar on 16th October 2026 on export finance, government schemes and banking services for apparel exporters.

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, emphasised that finance remains the "mother of all challenges" for apparel exporters, particularly MSMEs, which require adequate working capital amid intense global competition and tight profit margins. He highlighted the importance of suitable financing facilities, efficient banking services, foreign exchange management and a better understanding of government credit support schemes to help exporters expand business and secure larger orders.

The webinar featured Mr. Abhishek Jain, Senior Vice President, Axis Bank, and Ms. Karuna Arora, Head, Export Product Portfolio, Axis Bank, who explained the revised FEMA framework, export documentation and payment realisation requirements, pre- and post-shipment finance, export factoring, foreign exchange services and government support schemes, including the Interest Equalization Scheme. Attended by over 100 exporters, the session also addressed queries on financing for new exporters, ECGC coverage, factoring eligibility and export payment documentation.

AEPC Organises Webinar on Recent GST Changes and Their Impact on the Apparel Industry

AEPC, in association with Ernst & Young LLP (EY), organised a webinar on 22nd October 2026 on recent GST changes and their impact on the apparel industry.

During the webinar, Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, highlighted the significant GST reforms introduced under GST 2.0 and their impact on the textile and apparel industry. He welcomed the rationalisation of GST rates, including the reduction on man-made fibre and yarn from 18% and 12%, respectively, to 5%, and the extension of the 5% GST rate to garments priced up to Rs.2,500 per piece. He also highlighted reductions in GST on sewing

machines, proposed faster refund processing, and measures to simplify compliance, decriminalise offences and improve liquidity. Emphasising the benefits for MSMEs and exporters, he noted that these reforms would ease the compliance burden, enhance ease of doing business and strengthen domestic and international competitiveness. He urged AEPC members to understand the changes and make effective use of the reforms to support business growth and exports.

The session featured Mr. Prashant Raizada, Partner, EY, and Mr. Ankit Kumar Jain, Director, EY, who discussed proposed refund measures, export-related clarifications, ITC claims, automated registration amendments, the Invoice Management System and e-invoicing. Attended by over 150 exporters, the webinar also highlighted the importance of monitoring final notifications and GSTN updates and strengthening invoice management and supplier due diligence.

Ministry of Textiles Organises Second TexPORT Capacity-Building Programme in Noida through AEPC

The Ministry of Textiles, through AEPC, organised the second TexPORT capacity-building programme, "How to Start, Sustain and Scale Apparel Exports," in Noida on 28th October 2026 under the National Export Continuity Programme. The programme was attended by Ms. Alaknanda Dayal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Mr. A. Bipin Menon, Trade Adviser, Ministry of Textiles; Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC; Mr. Shesh Mani Pandey, Special Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Mr. Amit Kumar, Director (Trade); and Mr. Hemant Kumar, Deputy DGFT. Representatives from the apparel industry, the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), and other participating organisations were also present.

Ms. Alaknanda Dayal highlighted the vision of achieving US$100 billion in textile and apparel exports by 2030, emphasising targeted training, export-readiness support and institutional handholding, with Noida having the potential to emerge as a Champion District for apparel exports.

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, in his welcome address, highlighted that nearly 88% of India's exports originate from just 100 districts and stressed the need for inclusive export growth through 100 Champion Districts and 100 Aspirational Districts. He also underlined opportunities arising from India's expanding network of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

Mr. A. Bipin Menon delivered a technical presentation on export potential, global competitiveness, FTAs, market intelligence and international buyer engagement. The programme featured three dedicated interactive sessions for regular, irregular and new or potential exporters, along with diagnostic questionnaires and a Q&A session to identify challenges relating to export procedures, compliance, finance, logistics, product development and market access. Following the first programme in Surat, organised with MATEXIL, the Ministry plans further initiatives across key textile and apparel clusters to broaden India's exporter base and strengthen export preparedness.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- Department of Commerce Organises "Leveraging FTAs" Outreach Programme in Jaipur to Strengthen Export Opportunities
- India–New Zealand FTA to Come into Force on 20th October 2026 on Vijay Dashmi, Opening New Opportunities for Indian Exporters
- Department of Commerce Extends RELIEF Initiative under Export Promotion Mission Until March 31, 2027. RELIEF Component II Offers 95% Risk Coverage to Encourage ECGC Cover for Export Shipments
- DGFT Trade Notice No. 32/2026-27 - Amendments and Clarifications to the Guidelines for Support for Alternative Trade Instruments under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – Niryat Protsahan
- DoR Circular No. 257/03/2026-GST-Guidelines for the handling of applications for GST registration
- DoR Circular No. 258/04/2026-GST - Clarification on issues related to demand, adjudication and appeal proceedings under the CGST Act, 2017
- DoR Circular No. 260/06/2026-GST - Clarification on issues pertaining to Input Service Distributor.
- DoR Circular No.266/12/2026-GST - Clarifications regarding applicability of GST on certain services
- Ministry of Textiles to Open PLI Scheme Portal for accepting new applications from 1st November 2026

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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
September	95.45
30th October	95.57
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
August	136.9	89.0
September	145.2	89.1
Source: CSO		

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