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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- March, 2026	: USD 1240.5 mn.
- March, 2025	: USD 1531.3 mn.
- Growth	: -19.0%
- Apr – March 2025-26	: USD 15772.1 mn.
- Apr – March 2024-25	: USD 15989.3 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 regularize transactions in compliance with RBI and DGFT norms

Chairman AEPC, Dr. A. Sakthivel vide letter dated 27th March 2026 to DGFT, has highlighted the difficulties faced by apparel exporters as banks are denying export realization processes for Russia-bound transactions due to sanctions on certain Russian banks.

The Council has requested issuance of an appropriate procedure or alternate documentation in line with RBI and DGFT norms, and urged DGFT to take up the matter with RBI to guide AD banks in regularizing such transactions.

AEPC attends meeting on Stitching India's Apparel Export Strategy

On April 1, 2026, Chairman AEPC Dr. A. Sakthivel attended a meeting on the "Stitching India's Apparel Export Strategy" under the chairpersonship of the Secretary (Textiles).

AEPC requests for review of minimum wages hike impacting Haryana's apparel export sector

Chairman AEPC, Dr. A. Sakthivel vide letter dated April 9, 2026 addressed to the Chief Minister, Government of

Haryana, has raised concerns over the recent 35% hike in minimum wages effective April 1, 2026 in Haryana. While supporting worker welfare, AEPC highlighted that the sharp increase, coupled with weak global demand and rising costs, may impact industry viability and competitiveness against countries like Bangladesh, Vietnam and Cambodia. AEPC flagged that higher costs could lead to reduced employment and diversion of global orders. AEPC has requested phased implementation, stakeholder consultations, and support measures to ease the transition. AEPC reiterated the need for a balanced approach to protect jobs and ensure long-term sustainability of the sector.

AEPC appeals for wage subsidy following minimum wage increase in Haryana

Chairman AEPC, Dr. A. Sakthivel vide letter dated 13th April 2026 to the Government of Haryana, in continuation to earlier letter dated 9th April regarding the review of the minimum wage increase effective 1st April 2026 in Haryana, has highlighted that the recent 35% wage hike has created significant cost pressures for the apparel industry, especially in key clusters like Gurugram, Faridabad, and Manesar.

Chairman AEPC has urged the State Government to introduce a wage subsidy of ₹5,000 per employee per month, to help the industry remain competitive and sustain employment.

Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal visits Tirupur

On April 10, 2026, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal visited Tirupur for an industrial meet focused on boosting textile exports, marking a significant moment for the apparel industry.

The interaction with industry stakeholders, led by AEPC Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel, was highly productive, with valuable insights on strengthening exports, enhancing competitiveness and driving future growth of the textile sector.

AEPC welcomes the extension of RoSCTL scheme and urged to consider a long-term extension

AEPC expressed sincere gratitude to the Government of India for extending the RoSCTL scheme for the apparel and made-ups sector beyond 31 March 2026 till 30 September 2026.

Chairman AEPC Dr. A Sakthivel thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal, and Hon'ble Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh for their continued support to the industry.

The extension comes as a timely relief amid global uncertainties and rising cost pressures, helping maintain the competitiveness of Indian apparel exports by ensuring refund of embedded taxes and levies.

While welcoming the decision, AEPC has urged the Government to consider a long-term extension of at least five years, which will provide policy stability, enable capacity expansion, and support sustained export growth.

To see the MoT notification [Click here](#)

AEPC welcomes one-time relief window for SEZ units

AEPC welcomed the Government of India's notification introducing a one-time relief window for SEZ units, enabling clearance of goods into the Domestic Tariff Area at concessional customs duty rates.

Effective from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, this timely measure is expected to ease cost pressures, improve liquidity, and support production continuity for textile and apparel exporters navigating a challenging global environment.

The initiative will also help manufacturers optimize capacity utilization and manage inventories more efficiently, reinforcing the resilience of the sector.

To see the notification, [click here](#)

AEPC attends meeting on Trade, Logistics and Supply Chain Challenges amid West Asia situation

Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, SG AEPC attended two important meetings held on 9.4.26—one under the chairpersonship of the Commerce Secretary and another co-chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and the Commerce Secretary—bringing together senior officials, port authorities, shipping agencies, Export

Promotion Councils (EPCs), industry representatives, and other stakeholders to address trade challenges arising from the West Asia situation.

Discussions focused on disruptions in packaging inputs such as polymers and resins, rising logistics costs, and supply chain stress affecting key sectors and MSMEs. SG, AEPC highlighted the need to ensure the availability of critical inputs, waiver of demurrage and detention charges etc. on cargo stranded due to West Asia crisis and stricter monitoring of shipping lines to prevent imposition of arbitrary and non-transparent levies. The government emphasized coordinated monitoring, smooth cargo movement, and improved port and shipping operations to ensure continuity of trade and strengthen supply chain resilience.

AEPC invites exporters for renewal of membership

In a circular dated 08.04.2026, AEPC has requested members to renew their Registration-Cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) for the financial year 2026–27. The RCMC is a mandatory document under Para 2.57 of FTP 2023 to avail benefits under EXIM Policy Schemes. AEPC continues to provide various benefits to members and works closely with the Government of India on apparel export sector policies.

To see the AEPC Circular, [Click here](#)

AEPC and Bharat Tex team briefed MoT on Bharat Tex 2026 preparations

On April 7, 2026, AEPC Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel, along with Mr. Naren Goenka (Chairman, Bharat Tex), Mr. Bhadrash Dodhia (Co-Chairman, Bharat Tex), and Mr. Rakesh Kumar (CEO, Bharat Tex), briefed Ms. Neelam Shami Rao (Secretary, Ministry of Textiles) and Ms. Aarti Kanwar (Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles) on preparations for Bharat Tex 2026.

Scheduled for 14–17 July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, the event will connect India's textile industry with global buyers and stakeholders.

Launch of the India U.S. Trade Facilitation Portal

AEPC vide its circular dated 10.04.2026 has informed its members of the trade & industry that Consulate General of India, New York has launched the India - USA Trade Facilitation Portal, a strategic digital platform designed to connect Indian exporters and U.S. importers and to strengthen bilateral trade across goods and services.

The initiative aims to create a seamless, technology-driven ecosystem to enhance market access, support MSMEs, and unlock new avenues for India - U.S. business collaboration. The portal will provide facility of Virtual Exhibitions which will assist the small and medium enterprises who are looking for the export market. The portal can be used to guide about quality control, standards, packaging, US rules and regulations etc.

Link of the portal:

<https://indiaustrade.mea.gov.in/register>

AEPC's participation in the Sourcing at Magic, Las Vegas, USA

AEPC is going to participate in "SOURCING AT MAGIC, LAS VEGAS, USA" scheduled to be held from 10th to 12th August, 2026. The event will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center (South Hall), Las Vegas.

Early Bird Discount will be Rs. 15,000/- If payment is made on or before 30th April, 2026.

The last date for submission of the application with payment is 12th May, 2026. AEPC circulated the details to the trade on 6th April, 2026.

The detailed circular can be seen by clicking <https://www.aepcindia.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Circular%20of%20Sourcing%20at%20Magic%2C%20USA7.pdf>

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [DGFT Notification 67/2025-26 - Amendment in Para 9.05 of FTP 2023 to remove per-consignment value limit for courier exports](#)
- [Continuation of RoDTEP Scheme beyond March 31, 2026](#)
- [Extension of RoSCTL](#)
- [CBIC, DoR Circular no 14 with regard to Clarification regarding validity period for self-sealing permission to exporters under Circular No. 26/2017-Customs and Circular No.36/2017-Customs](#)
- [CBIC DoR Circular no 15 with regard to International Transshipment of FCL/LCL cargo from all Ports/Airports, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz- Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962](#)
- [DOR circular no 16 - Implementation of sea cargo manifest and transshipment regulation SCMTR](#)
- [RBI press release -Trade Relief Measures for Exporters](#)
- [MoF, DoR Notification 11/2026-Customs – Seeks to implement special one-time relief window for clearance of manufactured goods from Special Economic Zones](#)

[\(SEZs\) to the Domestic Tariff Area \(DTA\) at concessional rates of customs duty](#)

- [MoF, DoR Notification No 33 - Courier Imports and Exports \(Electronic Declaration and Processing\) Amendment, Regulations, 2026](#)
- [Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh releases report on Domestic Demand of Textiles - "Market for Textiles & Clothing: National Household Survey 2024"](#)
- [DoR notification no 34 - Courier Imports and Exports \(Clearance\) Amendment, Regulations, 2026](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice 34/2026-27 - Special drive for expeditious issuance of EODCs under Advance Authorisation \(AA\) and EPCG schemes - extension up to May 31, 2026](#)
- [DoR Circular 18/2026-Customs - Assessment of Bills of Entry filed for goods manufactured by SEZ units and cleared to Domestic Tariff Area \(DTA\) under concessional rate](#)
- [RBI - Guidelines to facilitate faster cross-border inward payments](#)
- [Womaniya: Building Inclusive Market Access for Women Entrepreneurs](#)
- [DoR Circular 19/2026-Customs - Procedure to handle export cargo originating from SEZ, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz- Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962](#)
- [DoR Circular 20/2026-Customs - Clarification regarding remission or rebate in case of short realization of sale proceeds by exporters under RoDTEP and RoSCTL schemes](#)
- [Revise Basic Minimum wages Notification dated 09-04-2026 w.e.f. 01-04-2026 in the State of Haryana](#)
- [Department of Commerce and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Hold High-Level Meetings to Address Packaging, Logistics and Shipping Challenges Amid West Asia Situation](#)
- [52 New Applications approved under Production Linked Incentive \(PLI\) Scheme for Textiles](#)
- [DoR Circular 21/2026-Customs - Procedure to handle export cargo containers off loaded at foreign ports and subsequently returned to India, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz- Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962](#)

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- [India's Tiruppur shifts to PNG amid LPG shortage in textile units](#)
- [Ministry of Textiles Organises Northern Zone Stakeholder Consultation on Union Budget Announcements 2026-27](#)
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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2026-27	
Months	INR
15 th April	92.99
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
September	110.7	100.6
October	106.6	89.6
November	110.0	105.3
December	111.4	109.4
January	109.5	108.6
February	107.1	101.2
Source: CSO		

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