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India's RMG Export to World (Value)

- Jan, 2026	: USD 1544.8 mn.
- Jan, 2025	: USD 1606.4 mn.
- Growth	: -3.8%
- Apr – Jan 2025-26	: USD 13129.8 mn.
- Apr – Jan 2024-25	: USD 12922.9 mn.
- Growth	: 1.6 %

(Quantity)

- Dec, 2025	: 365172.6 Thousand Units
- Dec., 2024	: 369212.9 Thousand Units
- Growth	: -1.1 %
- Apr – Dec 2025-26	: 2921697.1 Thousand Units
- Apr - Dec 2024-25	: 2828182.2 Thousand Units
- Growth	: 3.3 %

AEPC News

AEPC Seeks Waiver of Demurrage Charges Amid West Asian Flight Disruptions

On March 2, 2026, Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC, has written to the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, seeking waiver of demurrage charges on export cargo affected by flight disruptions arising from the ongoing West Asian crisis.

In his representation, he highlighted that airspace restrictions and operational constraints due to the Iran–United States conflict have led to consignments being stranded at Indian airports. He urged authorities to direct Cargo Terminal Operators to grant relief, noting that exporters should not be burdened for delays caused by circumstances beyond their control.

AEPC Welcomes Resumption of CEPA Talks with Canada

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC welcomed the resumption of discussions on the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and Canada, following the visit of Canadian Prime Minister Mr. Mark Carney and his address alongside Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Chairman AEPC said the agreement is expected to significantly boost India's apparel exports to Canada—currently valued at USD 250 million—and could potentially double shipments over the next three years, while driving investment, technology transfer, AI-led innovation, skilling, and sustainable growth across the sector.

AEPC attends meeting on India-UK CETA

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated in the online meeting on India–UK CETA chaired by Ms. Renu Lata, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, held on March 02, 2026. During the meeting, Mr. Thakur gave a presentation titled “India–UK Trade: Unlocking the Growth Potential after the FTA” and analysed India's RMG export performance to the UK, identified product-level demand gaps, and categorised product segments relevant to sustain, scale up, or revive export strategy.

The presentation also highlighted key provisions of the India–UK FTA for the textile and apparel sector and outlined a strategic roadmap to enhance competitiveness, value addition, compliance, and deeper market penetration, strengthening India's RMG presence in the UK market.

AEPC Participates in DGFT Stakeholder Consultation on Emerging Geopolitical Developments and EXIM Logistics

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated in a stakeholder consultation chaired by the Special Secretary and co-chaired by DGFT to assess the impact of emerging geopolitical developments on India's EXIM logistics, on March 02, 2026. Discussions focused on challenges related to routing, transit times, freight and insurance costs, equipment availability, and implications for time-sensitive exports. The Government emphasized ensuring continuity of trade flows through coordinated facilitation, with particular attention to MSMEs and essential imports. Stakeholders agreed to maintain close real-time coordination, strengthen port and ICD facilitation, and

support sensitive export segments to enhance India's trade resilience.

AEPC Participates in Meeting on India-UK CETA

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, participated in an online meeting on the India-UK CETA, on March 3, 2026 regarding the Entry into Force of the India-UK CETA under the Chairmanship of DG, DGFT and outlined AEPC's strategy to ensure fullest utilization of the trade deal with UK.

AEPC Participates in Post-Budget Webinar on Sustaining Economic Growth

Mr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC attended the Post-Budget Webinar held on March 3, 2026, addressed by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, and organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). In his opening address, the Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasised the need for effective implementation of budget announcements, greater focus on R&D and innovation, and improving quality standards to enhance global competitiveness. The Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted the vision to "build more, produce more, connect more, and export more," emphasizing India's role as a reliable global manufacturing partner.

The webinar featured well-structured plenary and breakout sessions that were interactive and participative, providing a platform for stakeholders to share sector-specific insights and discuss key policy priorities for strengthening industry growth.

Mr. Thakur shared his perspective as a panelist on the Textile Expansion and Employment (TEEM) Scheme in the panel discussion on the Textile Sector. The discussion ranged from the need for improving access to affordable finance to MSMEs to driving operational excellence through technology adoption and modernization & technological upgradation to strengthening cluster ecosystem to global positioning through unified branding and capability enhancement.

AEPC to organize Training Program for Women Entrepreneurs

AEPC vide its circular dated 03.03.2026 has informed members about a full-day training programme for women entrepreneurs on "How to Start Apparel Export Business" to be held on 20th March 2026 at Apparel House, Gurugram.

The initiative aims to equip aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs with practical knowledge on export

procedures, market access, compliance, financial support schemes and branding, with free participation and certificates for in-person attendees.

To see the circular [Click here](#)

AEPC to organize Webinar on the 2nd Anniversary of India-EFTA TEPA

AEPC vide its circular dated 03.03.2026 has informed members about a webinar on the 2nd Anniversary of the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) scheduled for 10th March 2026.

The session will review the progress of TEPA with EFTA countries—Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein—and provide practical guidance on market access, tariff benefits, rules of origin and compliance requirements.

The webinar aims to help apparel exporters effectively leverage TEPA benefits, strengthen trade linkages and enhance export competitiveness in the EFTA region.

Relevant Government Notifications / PIB Releases

- [DoR Circular No. 08/2026-Customs - Extension of Deferred Payment of Customs Duty benefits to 'Eligible Manufacturer Importer' \(EMI\)](#)
- [Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses Post Budget Webinar on "Sustaining and Strengthening Economic Growth"](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice No. 28/2025-26 dated 3.3.2026: Operationalisation of Inter-Ministerial Group \(IMG\) for Supply Chain Resilience](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice No. 32/2025-26 dated 6.3.2026: Launch of Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN](#)
- [DGFT Trade Notice No. 31/2025-26 dated 6.3.2026: Guidelines for Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters under Export Promotion Mission \(EPM\) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN](#)
- [Public Notice 31/2026 dated 6.3.2026 - Procedure for allowing "Back to Town" \(BTT\) of Export Cargo](#)

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- [Textile Body Presses for RoSCTL Extension to Sustain MSME Growth and Jobs](#)
- [India's textile sector battles mounting waste, sustainability gap](#)
- [AEPC urges Union government to grant demurrage charge waivers on export cargo hit by flight disruptions](#)

- [CEPA could double apparel Indian exports to Canada in 3 years: AEPC](#)

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Currency Trend

INR versus USD FY 2025-26	
Months	INR
April	85.60
May	85.20
June	85.93
July	86.07
August	87.52
September	88.27
October	88.37
November	88.88
December	90.00
January	90.73
February	90.77
6 th March	91.44

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
Sept.	110.7	100.6
Oct.	106.6	89.6
Nov.	110.0	105.3
Dec.	111.4	109.5

Source: CSO

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