

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE
ON

Starred Question No. 90 asked by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada in the sitting
of the Senate held on 10th September, 2024

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR ANUSHA RAHMAN
CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Anusha Rahman, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce have the honor to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on Starred Question No. 90 asked by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada "regarding decline in textile exports of the country during FY 2023- 2024, its exports, and details of proposals, if any, under consideration of the Government to reduce taxes on the textile industry and take other measures to facilitate them to increase the exports."

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Senator Anusha Rahman	Chairperson
2.	Senator Sarmad Ali	Member
3.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
4.	Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan	Member
5.	Senator Hamid Khan	Member
6.	Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Member
7.	Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
8.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
9.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member/Mover
10.	Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar	Member

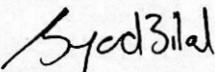
3. The Committee placed Starred Question No. 90 on the agenda of the Committee in its meetings held on 24th September, 1st October, 8th October, 11th November 2024, and 15th January 2025. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting held 15th January, 2025, wherein the matter was disposed off.

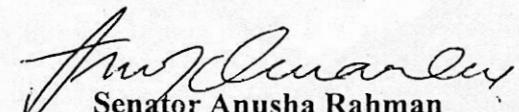
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4. During the course of discussions, the Committee was apprised that textile and apparel exports have registered an increase of 0.93% in FY 2023-24, as compared to FY 2022-23. In terms of proposals under consideration by the Government of Pakistan to reduce taxes on the textile industry and take other measures to facilitate exports, the Committee has been informed that redesigning of the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS) of the FBR for inclusion of all stages

of the manufacturing for end-to-end coverage is underway. Furthermore, exemption of registered units from sales tax on utility bills and removal of other procedural irritants to ease the imports for re-export purposes are also being implemented. Additionally, reliable supplies of energy to export sectors at regionally competitive tariffs, announcement of wheeling policy for electricity, clearance of stuck-up refunds (of sales tax, custom duty drawback and income tax) and expeditious clearance of sales tax refunds within 72 hours as per Sales Tax Rules, 2006 are also underway. In addition, clearance of verified claims under Government Support Schemes (DLTL/DDT, TUF), rationalization of tariffs and automated disbursement process of sales tax refunds are also being expedited. The Committee has also been apprised that in pursuance of the PM's directives, a meeting was held on 6th August 2024 under Chairmanship of Federal Minister for Commerce with the relevant Ministries/Departments for sectoral discussions and resolution of issues.

5. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, the mover of Starred Question No. 90, inquired about the upcoming Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2025-30. The Committee also inquired if private sector stakeholders had been consulted during the formulation of the policy. The Committee was apprised that all stakeholders had been consulted. Following detailed discussions, the Committee decided to hold a detailed meeting on the upcoming Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2025-30 in the future. With these recommendations, Starred Question No. 90 was disposed off.


Syed Bilal Bokhari
Secretary Committee


Senator Anusha Rahman
Chairperson Committee