India's Exports of Textile & Apparel

As a result of the proactive policy support from the Government, India achieved its highest ever T&A exports of US\$ 43.4 Bn during 2021-22 which was about 41% higher than exports of US\$ 30.9 bn during 2020-21. However, owing to certain socioeconomic reasons and also due to declined demand of T&A products worldwide, India's T&A exports declined to US\$ 35.7 bn during 2022-23. The major decline in exports was shown by exports of fibre and yarn (mainly cotton) which declined by about 53.5% and 44.5% (values ~6 bn) and was majorly due to the high volatility in cotton prices which have eroded the cost competitiveness of India's fibre and yarn and also other downstream products.

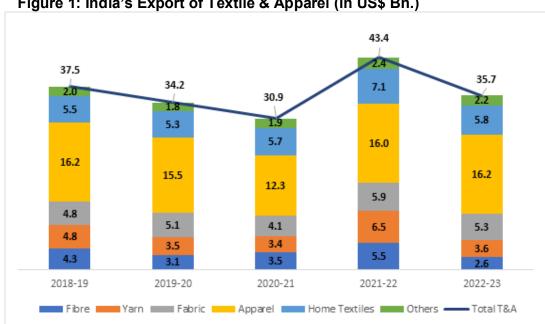


Figure 1: India's Export of Textile & Apparel (in US\$ Bn.)

Source: DGCI&S & CITI Analysis

Apparel is the largest exported T&A category from India with a share of about 45.4% in total T&A exports followed by Home Textiles and Fabric with a share of 16.4% and 14.9% respectively. Category-wise share of exports of T&A commodities is shown in figure 2.

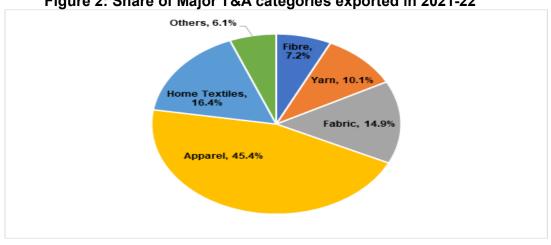


Figure 2: Share of Major T&A categories exported in 2021-22

Source: DGCI&S & CITI Analysis

• Top 20 categories exported in 2021-22

The top 20 commodities (HS-4) have a share of about 71.8% in total textile and apparel exports from India. The exports of these top 20 commodities are given in table 1:

Table 1: India's Top 20 Exported Textile & Apparel Categories (US\$ Million)

S	HS	Commodity	2017-18	2021-22	CAGR	% Share
No	Code	Commodity	2017-18	2021-22	CAGR	% Snare
1	6204	Women's Or Girls' Suits, Ensembles, Jackets, Blazers, Dresses, Skirts, Divided Skirts, Trousers, Bib And Brace Ove	2472.88	3139.78	8.8%	6204
2	5205	Cotton Yarn (Other than Sewing Thread) Contaning 85% or more By Wt. Of Coton Not Put Up For Retail Sale	3805.84	2559.93	7.2%	5205
3	6109	T-Shirts, Singlets and Other Vests, Knitted/Crocheted	2541.97	2393.58	6.7%	6109
4	6302	Bed Linen, Table Linen, Toilet Linen and Kitchen Linen	1583.83	1905.19	5.3%	6302
5	6304	Other Furnishing Articles, Excluding Those of Heading 9404	1821.12	1775.39	5.0%	6304
6	5208	Woven Fabrics Of Coton Containing>=85% By Wt Of Coton Weighing not More Than 200 G/M2	1122.42	1307.23	3.7%	5208
7	6305	Sacks And Bags, Of A Kind Used for The Packing Of Goods	928.7	1112.69	3.1%	6305
8	6203	Men's Or Boys Suits, Ensembles, Jackets Blazers, Trousers, Bib And Brace Overalls Breeches And Shorts(Other Than Swimwear)	1110.26	1107.04	3.1%	6203
9	6206	Women's Or Girls Blouses, Shirts and Shirt-Blouses	1228.75	1092.24	3.1%	6206
10	6205	Mens' Or Boys Shirts	1118.36	1083.64	3.0%	6205
11	6111	Babies Garments and Clothing Accessories, Knitted or Crocheted	870.28	997.46	2.8%	6111
12	6211	Track Suits, Ski Suits and Swimwear, Other Garments	1178.02	992.24	2.8%	6211
13	5407	Woven Fabrics of Synthetic Filament Yarn Incl Woven Fabrics Obtained from Materials Of Heading No.5404	944.29	936.49	2.6%	5407
14	5402	High Tenacity Yarn of Nylon or Other Polyamides, Whether or Not Textured	1236.72	914.04	2.6%	5402
15	6105	Men's/Boys Shirts, Knitted/Crocheted	682.05	740.05	2.1%	6105
16	5201	Cotton, Not Carded or Combed	2002.58	678.75	1.9%	5201
17	6104	WomenS Or Girls Suits, Ensembles, Jackets, Blazers, Dresses, Skirts, Divided Skirts, Trousers, Bib and Brace Ove	586.33	656.17	1.8%	6104
18	5702	"Carpets and other Textile Floor	565.16	639.43	1.8%	5702

S No	HS Code	Commodity	2017-18	2021-22	CAGR	% Share
		Covering, Woven Not Tufted				
19	6107	Mens'/Boys Underpants, Briefs, Nightshirts, Pyjamas, Bathrobes etc, Knitted/Crocheted	587.09	626.08	1.8%	6107
20	5703	Carpets And Other Textile Floor Coverings (Including Turf), Tufted, Whether or Not Made Up	563.11	605.55	1.7%	5703

Source: DGCI&S & CITI Analysis

a. Top Markets for India's Textile & Apparel Exports

During 2022, the USA with a share of about 28.3% was the largest market for the Indian textiles and apparel products followed by EU-27 and Bangladesh with a share of 19.9% and 9.1% share respectively as shown in figure 3.

During 2022, China, which accounted for about 5% of India's total T&A exports, lost its position of 5th largest destination for Indian Textile & Apparel products and United Kingdom with about 5.2% share emerged as the 5th largest T&A destination for India.

USA, 28.3% Others, 32.0% EU-27, 19.9% UK, 5.2% UAE, 5.5% Bangladesh, 9.1%

Figure 3: Top Markets for India's T&A Export in 2021

Source: ITC Trade Map & CITI Analysis

Among the top 5 export destinations, India's T&A exports to Bangladesh have shown the maximum CAGR of 8.7% during 2017-2022 followed by USA and EU-27 with CAGR of 7.5% and 0.9% respectively. India's total exports of T&A to world have increased by a CAGR of 0.8% during the same time frame. Though India has entered into Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with UAE on 1st May 2022, however, the positive effect of the same is yet to be seen in India's T&A exports to UAE which declined to US\$ 2.1 bn during 2022 as compared to export of US\$ 2.7 bn in 2021.

Table 2: Last 5 years exports to top markets (in US\$ Bn.)

Country	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	CAGR
USA	8.1	8.5	7.5	10.8	10.8	7.5%
EU-27	7.3	6.9	5.5	7.0	7.6	0.9%
Bangladesh	2.5	2.1	2.1	4.3	3.5	8.7%
UAE	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.1	-4.1%
UK	2.2	2.2	1.6	2.0	2.0	-2.2%
Others	14.5	13.5	10.9	14.7	12.3	-4.1%
World	37.1	35.5	29.6	41.5	38.3	0.8%

Source: ITC Trade Map & CITI Analysis