

Textile exports surge by 30% YoY in March

Value-added segments driving growth continuously now

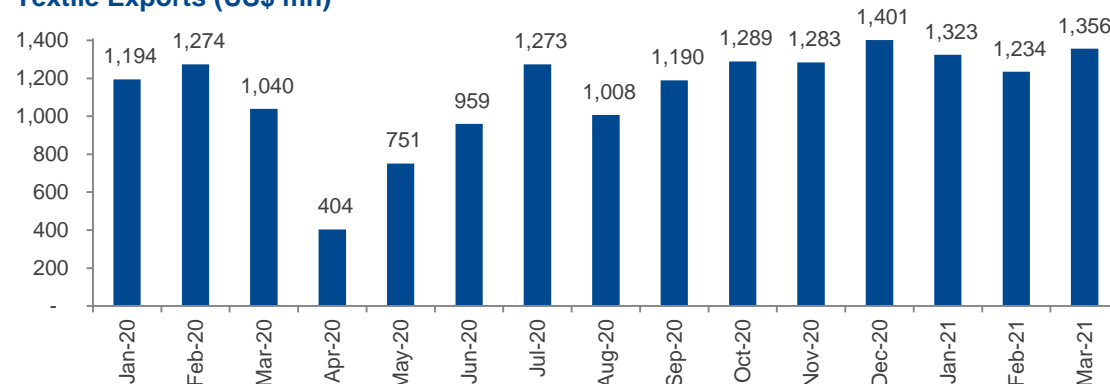
- During Mar-2021, textile exports increased by 30% YoY to US\$1.36bn, compared to US\$1.04bn in the same month last year. Growth during the month was essentially a recovery, given the poor performance of textile exports in Mar-2020 owing to the lockdowns.
- Had the pandemic not occurred, the growth in Mar-2021 would have been closer to ~3.5% YoY and not 30% YoY (using average MoM performance for March over February during 2015-2019 and applying it to Mar-2020, ceteris paribus).
- Value-added categories continued to drive growth in textile exports during March, led by Knitwear and Bedwear sectors with increases of 50% YoY and 44% YoY, respectively, comfortably outpacing the 23% YoY growth seen in garments. Demand for home textiles has been higher than garments in recent months, which has largely been due to the changing global dynamics amid the pandemic.
- Despite issues of cotton availability for local value-added players, yarn exports increased during the month by 39%. In order to fully realize the potential of current demand, availability of raw material (cotton and yarn) should be among the key priorities for policymakers.

Textile Exports

(US\$ mn)	Mar-21	Mar-20	YoYA	Feb-21	MoMA	9MFY21	9MFY20	YoYA
Total	1,356	1,040	30.4%	1,234	9.8%	11,355	10,413	9.1%
Cotton Yarn	115	82	39.0%	120	-4.8%	721	820	-12.0%
Cotton Cloth	184	169	8.7%	149	23.4%	1,419	1,547	-8.3%
Knitwear	314	210	49.6%	292	7.5%	2,781	2,300	20.9%
Bedwear	235	164	43.7%	203	15.7%	2,052	1,762	16.5%
Towels	81	67	21.0%	77	5.1%	692	592	16.8%
Garments	257	209	22.9%	238	7.7%	2,269	2,170	4.5%
Others	170	138	22.7%	154	10.4%	1,421	1,221	16.4%

Source: PBS, JS Research

Textile Exports (US\$ mn)



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