



Light Engineering of **BANGLADESH**

- Our light engineering sector (LES) comprises 40,000 enterprises employing 1m people
- We produce more than 10,000 types of quality machinery, spares and accessories



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Light Engineering sector is one of the elementary sub-sector in Bangladesh in terms of its involvement to socio economic growth and poverty reduction. LEI sector has been playing an important role in the economy of Bangladesh. LEI sector is frequently referred to as a mother industry that supports all other industries by providing machinery, equipment's, spare parts, accessories, and import substitute items. But the movement of LEI sector is very insignificant in Bangladesh.



Light Engineering Industrial Sector

The burgeoning domestic market and the prospect of significant cost reductions for companies sourcing components and finished goods for international markets makes Bangladesh a compelling choice for investors.

Recent export from Bangladesh (in Mn US\$)		
FY	Total	To RK
2018-19	341.3	6.51
2018-20	292.92	3.74

The Light Engineering Sector (LES) that draws the least attention of the policymakers has emerged as a potential cost cutting sector by producing at least 50 percent substitutes of imported items in the country. This important sub-sector is now providing critical support to industrial, agricultural and

construction sectors by manufacturing a wide range of spare parts, castings, moulds and dices, oil and gas pipeline fittings and light machinery, as well as repairing those. Sector players claim that electrical goods like switch, socket, light shed, channel, cables and electrical fans, generator, which are manufactured by the LES are now meeting 48% to 52% of the country's demands, which was earlier met through import. Export growth was estimated at 30%. The light engineering sector as 'the mother of all sectors,' because it provides backup support to cement, paper, jute, textile, sugar, food processing, railway, shipping, garments capital machineries by repairing and maintaining those.

Major export destinations are:

the EU, Japan, China, India, Australia, Brazil, Canada, The USA, UAE & Malaysia etc.