

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:263
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001
EXPORTS OF HAND MADE CARPETS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the export of hand made carpet has been declining during 2000-2001 as compared to the previous year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore;
- (c) Whether the hand made carpet industry is facing difficulties due to increase in cost of raw material and stiff competition in the world market; and
- (d) If so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 263 for answer on 15.3.2001.

(a). No Sir.

(b). Question does not arise.

(c) & (d). Yes Sir. The silk carpet sub sector is facing difficulties due to sudden increase in price of spun silk yarn which is used as a raw material for silk carpets, and only partial neutralization of duties.

Taking cognizance of the problems, the Government has initiated a series of measures, which include: import of silk under special import license; reduction in customs duty from 35% to 15% on import of silk waste used in manufacture of spun silk yarn; upward revision in the cap imposed on the draw back with effect from June 1, 2000; assistance for participation in international fairs and exhibitions, organization of buyers-sellers meet, publicity, technological upgradation and design development; assistance for conducting workshops and seminars and organising carpet expo annually.