

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3565  
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EFFECT OF OPEN TRADE REGIIME ON CARPET INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether introduction of open trade regime has adversely affected the carpet industry of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Government to protect this industry;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to make use of indigenously manufactured carpets mandatory in the ITDC hotels, Government offices, trade centres etc. and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

- (a) & (b): The open trade regime came into force recently on 1st April, 2001, hence, it is premature to judge its impact on the Indian Carpet Industry.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): It is estimated that of the total indigenously manufactured hand-knotted carpets, nearly 90% are exported. Government is focussing on increasing exports.