## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5506 ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001 EXPORT OF KHADI GARMENTS SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO

## Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether khadi garments are being exported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to further promote the export of khadi garments?

## **Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is not directly exporting khadi garments. The exports are normally made through merchant exporters. However, in order to promote export of various khadi items including garments through merchant exporters, the KVIC has exempted export oriented khadi products from the ambit of khadi cost chart. Moreover, the Government of India announced a package for Khadi Village Industries Sector on 14.05.2001. The salient features of the package consist of Rebate Policy for five years, options of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital.