

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT BY SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the share of small scale industries in the overall export as compared to the organised sector in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) the extent of its contribution to the employment generation and creation of wealth in the country; and
- (c) the long-term strategy formulated for the development and growth of small scale industries?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

- (a) The share of Small Scale Industries in the overall Export of India during the last three years is as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Year	Total Exports of the country	Exports from Small Scale Sector	% share in India's total Exports
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1.	1996-97	117524.98	39248.54	33.40%
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2.	1997-98	126286.00	44442.18	35.19%
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3.	1998-99	141603.53	48979.23 (P)	34.59%
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(P) : Provisional

- (b) It is estimated that the Small Scale Sector is providing gainful employment to about 171.58 lakh persons. The contribution of the Small Scale Sector as a whole to the total production of the manufacturing sector in India is about 40%.

- (c) The long term strategy envisages greater focus on improved credit flow, enhanced technology support for modernisation & quality upgradation, fiscal concession in the form of excise relief, expanding Entrepreneurship Development Programmes by involving voluntary agencies & strengthening Entrepreneurship Development Institutes, improving export capabilities of this sector, and providing better common facilities services & training facilities and increasing use of information technology, etc.