

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFT GOODS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the value of handicraft goods exported during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been steady decline in the export of handicrafts goods during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to boost the export of handicraft goods?

Answer

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

(a): The value of handicrafts goods including hand knotted carpets exported during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Exports
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1998-99	Rs.7072.34 crores
1999-2000	Rs.8059.63 crores
2000-2001	Rs.9270.50 crores

(b) & (C): Yes, Sir. The main reason for the decline is attributed to the recessionary trend prevalent in the world market; Fast change in buying trend by the buyers resulting in unpredictable market, slow down in U.S.A. and European economy and higher rate of interest on export credit as compared to other competing countries.

(d): The steps taken to boost export of handicrafts, include: organisation of buyer - seller's meet; overseas publicity; organisation of workshops on design developments, export marketing and packaging etc; participation in various international fairs; sponsoring of sales-cum-study teams abroad; organisation of Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fairs (Autumn and Spring) and Indian Carpet Expo by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion council respectively, annually in New Delhi and setting up of India Exposition mart at Greater NOIDA etc.