

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDICRAFT TRADE AS INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether handicraft trade has demanded that handicrafts trade may be declared an industry to boost export;
- (b) If so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) Whether any study has been made by the Government to find out India's share in the world handicraft market.
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) Whether the Exim Bank in a paper released recently have pointed out that India needed to improve its export penetration in sizeable market where its presence is negligible; and
- (f) If so, the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No, Sir
- (d): Does not arise
- (e) & (f): Exim Bank brought out an occasional paper on Indian Handicrafts in May, 2000. The study conducted by them reveals that there is a need to improve Indian export penetration of handicrafts in sizeable market such as France, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, Japan and Hongkong wherein the presence of our export is negligible. However, as per the data available the export of handicrafts to these countries is satisfactory and these countries are among the top ten importers of handicrafts from India.