GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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SCISSORS INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether any assistance has been provided to the scissors industry by the Government in 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) the number of States having this industry ;

(c) the details of the Central financial assistance given to them during the above period, State-wise ;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating any package for the survival of the industry in the country particularly in the Meerut district in UP;

(e) If so, the details thereof;

(f) The areas in the different States exporting the maximum number of scissors;

g) Whether decline in exports in the industry has been registered in recent years; and

h) If so, the remedial measures taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (e) Scissors are manufactured in the decentralized sector. As per the available information, the concentration of this industry is mostly in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Bihar. No specific central assistance is provided to this sector.

(f) to (h) The data for exports is not maintained State-wise. The export of scissors in value terms has declined from Rs. 96.4 lakhs in 2001-02 to Rs. 58.19 lakhs in 2003-04. Government is making all the efforts to increase the exports of various items including scissors, and measures taken inter-alia include simplifying procedures, neutralizing incidence of all levies and duties on inputs used in export products, facilitating technological and infrastructural upgradation for manufacturing sectors.