

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2376
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2004
COIR EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing demand for natural fibers in Global market;
- (b) if so, action taken for increasing the export of coir and coir products; and
- (c) details of the coir and coir products exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): With a view to increasing the trade with existing export markets and capture new markets Coir Board is either implementing or proposing to implement schemes of Market Study Surveys, participation in International seminars and conferences, participation in exhibitions/fairs, catalogue shows and Product Promotion Programmes. Besides, the Coir Board has moved the Bureau of Indian Standards and also the Ministry of Environment and Forests for acquiring ecomark labeling for coir and coir products. This will make the products more acceptable to the ecologically conscious Western countries.

(c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2376 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23-07-2004

The details of the coir and coir products exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise are furnished below:

Item	(Quantity in Tonnes)		(Value in Rs. lakhs)			
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	Quantity	Value	Quantity
Coir fibre	1010.30	122.13	1036.87	103.80	1120.75	142.44
Curled coir	572.52	80.63	492.37	80.05	76.64	14.02
Coir Pith	13725.65	1014.34	21064.19	1493.00	29179.35	1975.92
Coir rope	348.64	108.04	332.40	102.05	308.88	111.46
Coir yarn	13206.90	3728.60	11482.48	2996.78	12364.43	3498.71
Coir Geotextiles	1752.05	780.13	2140.68	985.22	2599.54	1184.74
Coir Rugs	1329.97	1039.77	1327.08	932.41	1694.56	1071.36
Handloom Mats	26147.89	17009.85	33058.74	20711.80	36306.99	22133.69
Handloom Mattings	4423.27	2921.03	4772.63	3191.41	4545.56	2838.66
Powerloom Mats	686.51	458.19	954.85	585.52	1026.28	672.13
Powerloom Mattings	274.05	226.18	183.16	111.78	309.04	215.44
Tufted Mats	7129.54	4112.36	6429.05	3434.74	11772.50	6359.54
Rubberised coir	454.62	350.37	535.23	403.42	461.75	334.67
Coir other sorts	272.90	106.81	372.86	138.55	490.21	197.90
Total	71334.81	32058.33	84182.59	35270.53	102256.48	40750.68

State-wise details of coir export are not centrally maintained.