

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS AND HANDLOOMS PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution of each State in the export of handlooms and handicrafts products during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the export of handicrafts and handlooms products from Tribal areas of the country;
- (c) if so, whether the Government also proposes to provide proper and sufficient training and assistance for development of handicrafts and handloom products in tribal areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan Period?

Answer

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

(a): State-wise export data on handlooms and handicrafts is not maintained as the statistical figures compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics is only on All India basis. The total export of handicrafts and hand knotted carpets during the last three years is as under:-

Year Value of export

2004-05 Rs. 18567.76 crore
2005-06 Rs. 19267.65 crore
2006-07 Rs. 20963.00 crore

In the absence of separate ITC (HS) Codes for handloom products, the export data from April 2003 onwards is not available in respect of handloom products.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): For providing training to handicrafts artisans, adequate provisions have been made in the Human Resource Development Scheme for the Eleventh Plan period. The other schemes for development of handicrafts in the country, including Tribal areas, include Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of craft cluster; Marketing & Support Services; Design & Technology Upgradation; Research and Development & Welfare Scheme. For development of exportable handloom products through design innovation and product diversification with proper training etc. of weavers of various handloom agencies in the country including the Tribal areas, a Scheme, namely Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme is under operation for the Eleventh Plan.

(e): A provision of Rs. 25.00 crore has been made for the Eleventh Plan under Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme for development of exportable handloom products, participation in international fairs and exhibitions etc. For handicrafts, funds are yet to be finalised.