

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and released by the Government for the promotion of Exports of Handicrafts and Carpets during the each year of Tenth Plan, separately, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government allow various groups and organisations to participate in international fairs and exhibitions;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria for selection of groups and organisations for the purpose;
- (d) the number of persons that participated in such fairs and exhibitions held in various countries during each year of Tenth Plan and thereafter, till date, country-wise; and
- (e) the details of expenditure incurred thereon during the said period ?

Answer

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

(a): For promotion of exports of handicrafts and carpets, the Government does not allocate funds directly to States.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e): The criteria for selection of groups i.e. handicraft artisans/entrepreneurs is that the artisan must be a National Award Winner or Shilp Guru entrepreneur must have an annual export turnover Rs.2.00 lakh and annual turnover of Rs.10.00 lakh in domestic market. The organizations like State/Central Handicrafts Development Corporations, Export Promotion Bodies, Trade Promotion Organisations are eligible for selection for participation in international marketing events. The selection of groups and organizations is done by a High Level Committee headed by Minister of Textiles.

The details regarding number of persons that participated in fairs & exhibitions abroad and the expenditure incurred during 10th Plan and till date is at Annexure.