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UNDP ASSISTANCE IN NATIONAL LEATHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the UNDP assisted National Leather Development Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the number of small scale entrepreneurs in the leather sector benefited under the said programme; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated for strengthening the technology, skill upgradation and marketing support during the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): The Central Government had implemented a programme under the UNDP assisted Programme, "Small Industries Development & Employment Programme in Leather Sector" (SIDE-NLDP) from the year 1992 to 2003. The objective of the programme was to increase the competitiveness of the footwear and leather product sector. An amount of US\$ 25.50 million was allocated under SIDE-NLDP as financial assistance and a number of small scale entrepreneurs benefited from the programme.

(d): The UNDP assisted Programme "Small Industries Development & Employment Programme in Leather Sector" (SIDE-NLDP) was implemented till June, 2003 and hence no funds were released under the programme during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08. However, the Central Government implemented a plan scheme, titled, Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDLP) during the 10th Five Year Plan and first year of the 11th Five Year Plan period for modernization and technology up-gradation of leather units, infrastructure and capacity building. The ILDP Scheme comprises of two components, Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS) and Infrastructure Strengthening of Leather Sector. A Statement giving State-wise expenditure of the Central Government for strengthening the technology, skill up-gradation and marketing support for the Leather Sector during the last three years is Annexed.