

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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

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

Answer

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

(a): So far as Handicrafts is concerned, the State-wise export is not maintained.However,as per the data collected by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts export of handicrafts from the country during the last three years and current financial year,is as under:

Year Rs. Crores US \$ Millions

2005-06 14526.85 3286.56

2006-07 17288.14 3811.26

2007-08 14012.05 3481.14

2008-09 4680.37 1074.39

(April-Nov.)

In the absence of separate ITC (HS) Code for Handloom products,the Export data on Handlooms is not available since April 2003 onwards.

(b) to (d): Yes,Sir.The Government has taken various steps to increase the export of handicraft and handloom products from the country including from the tribal areas.The steps taken include participation in exhibitions/fairs for Brand Image promotion by organizing Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair twice a year,organizing thematic exhibitions,development of innovative value added products through Product Development Programme and organizing programmes for packing and export procedure.

For development of exportable range of handloom products through design innovation and product diversification with proper training of weavers of various handloom agencies in the country including the Tribal areas,a scheme under the name of Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme is under operation for the Eleventh Plan.

For providing training to artisans and weavers & development of handicrafts and handloom products in the country including Tribal areas, the steps taken include Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) & Human Resource Development, the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Workshed-cum-Housing, Weavers Welfare Scheme, Bunkar Bima Yojana, Design Development & Training Programme, Marketing Promotion Programme, Handloom Export Scheme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Health Package Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana. Integrated Handloom Development Scheme, Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme, Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Mill Gate Price Scheme and Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(e): No State-wise funds allocated. However, year-wise details of funds released during the 10th & 11th Plan are as under:

The details of funds released for promotion and development of Handicrafts in the country including from Tribal areas during 10th & 11th Plan period is enclosed at Annexures-I and II.

The details of funds released for promotion and development of Handlooms in the country including from Tribal areas during 10th & 11th Plan period is as under:

Year Funds released (Rs. in Crore)

2002-03 130.83

2003-04 130.28

2004-05 154.09

2005-06 192.88

2006-07 195.67

11th Plan (Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme)

Year Funds release (Rs. in Crore)

2007-08 292.58

2008-09 200.27 (as on 5.12.2008)