

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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PROMOTION OF LEATHER INDUSTRY

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to approve the Indian Leather Development Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith allocation made for the same in the XI Plan;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up Integrated Leather Park and Footwear Design and Development Institute at Chennai;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the deadline by which the institute is likely to be set up;
- (e) the details of the proposed leather parks to be set up in various cities in the country;
- (f) details of employment likely to be generated in the leather sector alongwith the total number of persons employed in the leather industry presently; and
- (g) details of steps taken/proposed to be taken for the promotion and development of leather industry?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The details of the sub-schemes under Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP) along-with allocation for the 11th Five Year Plan are as under: -

Sl No. Name of the sub-scheme under ILDP Allocation for 11th Five Year Plan

(Rs. in crores)

i	Integrated Development of Leather Sector	253.43
ii	Leather Complex, Nellore	29.00
iii	Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Fursatganj	7.17
iv	Footwear Complex. Chennai	3.00
v	Saddlery Development	10.00
vi	Support to Artisan	40.00
vii	Human Resource Development	60.00
viii	Up gradation and Establishment of Institutional facilities	300.07
ix	Environment Initiatives	200.00

x Mission Mode 10.00

xi Establishment of Training Centre in Madhya Pradesh 24.85

TOTAL 937.52

(c) & (d): The Central Government has approved establishment of a Footwear Complex and a Footwear Component Park in Chennai. A Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) is also being established at Chennai under the sub-scheme, "Up gradation and Establishment of Institutional facilities" under ILDP. The Institute is likely to be set up by the year 2010-11.

(e): During the 10th Five Year Plan period the Central Government has approved proposals to establish a Leather Goods Park at Kolkata in West Bengal with an assistance of Rs. 5 crores; a Footwear Complex and a Footwear Component Park at Chennai in Tamil Nadu with assistance of Rs. 14 crores and Rs. 10 crores respectively; and a Leather Complex at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh with an assistance of Rs. 29 crores under Indian Leather Development Programme.

(f): It has been estimated by the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) that, about 25 lakhs persons are employed directly and indirectly in the Indian Leather Sector and an estimated 5 lakhs employment is likely to be generated during the next five years.

(g): During the 10th Five Year Plan the Central Government had implemented the Indian Leather Development Programme aiming towards modernizing the manufacturing capability, capacity building and improving infrastructure for the Leather Sector. Assistance towards establishment of a Footwear Complex and Footwear Component Park at Chennai; and a Leather Goods Park at Kolkata were provided. Further, initiatives towards human resource development, supporting rural artisans, saddlery development, global benchmarking of leather units, attracting investments, development of non-leather footwear and accreditation of FDDI (Noida Branch) were also undertaken.

During the 11th Five Year Plan, the Central Government is implementing the Indian Leather Development Programme with an approved outlay of Rs. 937.52 crores addressing the issue of capacity building, human resource development and environmental issues as detailed in the answer of part (a) and (b) above.