

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:69

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFT

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of concessions and facilities being provided to the exporters for promoting export of handicraft items;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new scheme for promoting handicraft;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has set up Export Promotion Council/Special Economic Zones to promote export of handicraft items; and
- (e) if so, the State-wise details and the achievements thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.69 for answer on 4.3.2005.

(a): The concession and facilities being provided by the Government to exporters for promoting export of handicraft items include: duty draw back on exports; assistance for participation in fairs/exhibitions abroad under Market Development Assistance; entitlement for duty free import of trimming and embellishment to improve quality of product; setting up of Special Economic Zones at Gautam Budh Nagar (Uttar Pradesh), Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh) and Jodhpur (Rajasthan); organization of Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair and Carpet Expo; setting of India Exposition Mart at Greater Noida; setting up of National Centre for Photo and Picture Framing at Saharanpur and Jodhpur and internal and external publicity.

(b): The Government is of the view that the above schemes are adequate for the present.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The two Export Councils namely Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion Council have been set up and three Special Economic Zones have been approved at Gautam Budh Nagar (Uttar Pradesh), Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh) and Jodhpur (Rajasthan) to promote export of handicrafts. Initiatives taken by these councils have contributed in increasing the export of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets from Rs.1220.00 crores in 1990-91 to Rs.12765.18 crores during 2003-04. The three Special Economic Zones have not yet become operational .