

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the export of handloom and handicrafts produced in the country is increasing;
- (b) if so, the details of the States` share in percentage terms regarding export of handloom and handicrafts separately in the country;
- (c) whether the Government is providing proper training and adequate financial assistance to increase export of handloom and handicrafts in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a): So far as handicrafts sector is concerned, the exports of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets have increased by 3.05% during 2009-10 in comparison to the exports of corresponding year of 2008-09.

Due to absence of separate ITC (HS) codes for handloom products, the export data on handlooms is not available. The Ministry of Finance have now notified the codes for handloom products. The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Kolkata has incorporated these codes in the basket of export commodities. Therefore, the data for exports of handloom products is likely to be available in future.

(b): State-wise data of handicrafts exports is not compiled and maintained.

(c): Yes, Madam. In the case of Handicrafts Sector, the measures include financial assistance for participation in fairs/exhibitions abroad; organising Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fairs twice a year; organising Thematic exhibitions, organising programmes for packaging and export procedures, organising Buyer-seller-Meet and brand image promotion of Indian Handicrafts abroad. As far as Handloom Sector is concerned, assistance is provided under the Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme for development of exportable range of handloom products and international marketing by way of participation in international fairs and exhibitions.

(d): The financial assistance is not sanctioned State-wise. The assistance is provided to the implementing agencies. The details of financial assistance provided during each of the last three years for promotion of exports of handloom and handicrafts is as under:

Financial Assistance provided for promotion of exports of Handlooms & Handicrafts

S.No.	Year	Financial assistance provided to Handlooms (Rs. in lakh)	Financial assistance provided to Handicrafts (Rs. In Lakh)
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1	2007-08	235.14	958.72
2	2008-09	274.91	1465.56
3	2009-10	384.29	1582.14