

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF RMHK EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Real Madras Handkerchief (RMHK), an export item is being exported to West African Countries like Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote export of RMHK including removal of duty drawback on Free on Board (FOB)?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per database of DGC&IS, Kolkata, export figures of Real Madras Handkerchief (RMHK) to West African Countries during the year 2008-09 are as under:-

Country	Benin	Niger	Nigeria	Togo
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Value (in Rs. Lacs)	404.2	39.78	15.28	1,711.55
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(c): Several export promotion schemes, such as, Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) Scheme, Duty Drawback Scheme, Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, Focus Product Scheme (FPS) and Focus Market Scheme (FMS) are being implemented by the Government to promote exports, including export of RMHK. Besides, participation of exporters of RMHK in international fairs and exhibitions on regular basis is being encouraged.