

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5488
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2010
ASSISTANCE TO HANDICRAFT EXPORTERS
Saroj Smt. Sushila

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the assistance provided to the small and medium size exporters of handicrafts, carpets and garments by the Government during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to provide duty exemption to the exporters engaged in the said sectors in future as well;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the volume and value of goods exported by the said exporters during the last three years, year-wise and countrywise?

Answer

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

- (a): The major schemes wherein assistance is provided directly to exporters during the last three years include; setting up of Facility Centers under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana; Product Development for Exports under Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme; participation in International events abroad through the Marketing Support and Services Scheme of Handicrafts, 5% duty Credit Scrip on exports of Handmade Carpets and other floor coverings; 2% Interest Subvention on pre-shipment and Post shipment Export Credit and Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) under the Scheme of Ministry of Commerce.
- (b): At present, there is no such proposal to provide duty exemption to exporters engaged in the said sectors.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): The data on volume of exports of Handicrafts, Carpets and Garments by the said exporters is not maintained. However, composite data on value of exports of these sectors as reported by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion Council is enclosed at Annexure.