

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF VARIOUS ITEMS

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

- (a) the details of country-wise exports of diamonds, handmade finished glass beads, imitation jewellery and footballs during the last three years;
- (b) whether China is having an edge over India due to superior technology;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that a large population in the rural areas in Uttar Pradesh that was engaged in the making of finished glass beads has gone out of employment and migrating to cities;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to ask Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) and All India Handicrafts Board to import new technology and make it available to the artisans free or at subsidized rates and if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the measures proposed to be taken to increase exports of textile and diamonds from Surat?

Answer

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

(a) The details of exports of diamonds, handmade finished glass beads, imitation jewellery and footballs, as per available data, during the last three years is as under:-

(in US \$ Million)

Item	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	(April-December)		

Diamond (other than industrial diamond) cut or otherwise worked but not mounted or set (HS Code 71023910)	13,664.39	15,199.32	11,378.18
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Non-industrial diamonds unworked/simplely sawn cleaved or bruted(HS Code 71023100)	524.00	632.84	293.61
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Beads imitation Pearls	19.79	17.39	16.18
imitation precious and semi precious stones (HS Code 70181020)			

Football(HS Code 95066210)	9.46	21.55	10.73
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Source: DGCI&S

Details of country-wise exports of diamonds, handmade finished glass beads, imitation jewellery and footballs during the last three years are available on department's website www.commerce.gov.in.

(b) India has been dominating the world's diamond cutting and polishing sector for several years. However, China is emerging as a major player in the sector.

(c) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Government has announced a number of measures in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2009-14 to promote export of diamond and jewellery, which inter-alia include recognition of Surat (Gujarat) as a Town of Export Excellence. On textiles, information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.