

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION ABROAD
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to facilitate weavers, artisans and craftsmen to participate in the exhibitions to be held abroad without charging any fees from them or at a nominal fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the exhibitions held alongwith the number of weavers, artisans and craftsmen sent to these exhibitions for marketing purpose alongwith the expenditure incurred so far during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under Marketing Support & Service Scheme, the artisans/craftsmen of handicrafts are being deputed to international fairs/exhibitions held abroad, Cultural Exchange Programme and Craft Exchange Programme for creating awareness of design and product concepts of international market and for dissemination of the latest production techniques, tools & equipment and technology being adopted by different countries. The handloom weavers societies and various handloom exporting agencies, which are member of Handloom Export Promotion Council, Handicrafts & Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Ltd. etc participate in international fairs/exhibitions on nominal charges under the Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme.

(c): (i) The year-wise details of exhibitions, number of artisans/craftsmen deputed and expenditure incurred during the last three years and the current year for Handicrafts sector are as under: -

S.No.	Year	No. of exhibitions participated	No. of artisans/craftpersons participated	Expenditure (Rs. In lakh)
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1	2007-08	05	26	85.09
2	2008-09	10	79	192.16
3	2009-10	12	83	1394.93
4	2010-11	05	35	129.00

(till date)

(ii) The year-wise details of exhibitions, number of participants and expenditure incurred in respect of handloom agencies during the last three years and the current year, are as under:

S. No.	Year	No. of exhibitions participated	No. of participants	Expenditure (Rs. In lakh)
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1	2007-08	7	113	158.14
2	2008-09	9	108	140.16
3	2009-10	10	111	246.82
4	2010-11	2	16	46.96

(Till date)