

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:440
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PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the export of handicrafts products during the current year as compared to the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of foreign exchange earned from the above export during the said periods country-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to protect and promote handicrafts industry at the national as well as regional levels?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 440 FOR ANSWER ON 26.08.2010.

(a), (b) & (c): As reported by Carpet Export Promotion Council, New Delhi and Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi, there is an increasing trend in exports of handicrafts and handmade carpets & other floor coverings during current financial year for the period April-July, 2010, as compared to corresponding period of 2009-10. The export of handicrafts and handmade carpets of corresponding period during last three years is as under:-

Year (April-July)

2007-08 : Rs.3680.38 Crores (US\$ 892.55 Million)

2008-09 : Rs.3555.73 Crores (US\$ 853.60 Million)

2009-10 : Rs.3033.61 Crores (US\$ 622.80 Million)

2010-11 : Rs.3548.48 Crores (US\$ 763.68 Million)

The country-wise export data is being maintained on annual basis. The details of foreign exchange earned during last three years country-wise are given in the Annexure.

(d): The steps taken by the Government to protect and promote handicrafts industry include implementation of schemes like Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected handicraft clusters; Design and Technology Up-gradation; Marketing Support and Services; Research and Development; Human Resource Development, Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.