

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF WOOL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Sheep and Wool Improvement Scheme (SWIS) for the development and growth of wool sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of wool imported and exported during each of the last two years;
- (d) the total amount of foreign exchange earned through exports; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to augment the quality and quantity of wool production in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (e):The Central Wool Development Board has taken up 'Sheep and Wool Improvement Scheme' to augment the quality and quantity of wool in the country and is implementing various projects in all major wool producing states. Sheep and Wool Improvement Scheme having components for (i) 'health care' for treatment, vaccination and medicines to sheep (ii) 'breed improvement' for genetic improvement of sheep and to distribute stud rams (iii) 'support for multipurpose extension centers' to provide different facilities at one place,(iv) 'marketing & grading support' to wool growers to get better returns from wool (v) 'conducting training programmes' for wool growers in latest techniques of sheeep rearing activities, (vi) 'ram raising unit' to develop good quality breedable rams and to fulfill requirement of stud rams, (vii) 'assistance for sheep pen', (viii) 'provide feed supplement' to sheep (weak, pregnant/breedable ewes) and (ix) 'creation of revolving fund' for marketing of raw wool and to revitalize the states wool marketing federations/ corporations and optimum utilization of infrastructure available with them for this purpose.

(i) The quantity and value of Exports of Indian woollen products is as under:
(Rs. In crore)

Products	2008-09	2009-10
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Woollen yarn, fabrics, madeup etc.	456.52	424.63
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Ready made garments - wool	1742.97	1838.10
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Carpet (excl. Silk) handmade	3506.36	3442.93
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Total	5705.85	5705.66
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(ii) The quantity and value of Imports of raw wool is as under:

Products 2008-09 2009-10

Wool, raw	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
(unit in ton)	(Rs. in crore)	(unit in ton)	(Rs. in crore)	(Rs. in crore)

65730	1033.24	68264	1000.77	
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