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EXPORT OF SMALL SCALE PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether there is a decrease in export of small scale industry goods including leather products from India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase export of small scale industry goods; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government including incentive schemes for small scale exporters to increase the export of these goods?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The merchandise export figures for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) products including leather products are given below:

Period	Value of Exports (In Rupees Crores)
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2005-06	150,242
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2006-07	182,538
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2007-08	202,017
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(Source: Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises)

Figures given in the above table show an increasing trend in exports.

(c) & (d): The Government takes need based measures from time to time keeping in view the financial and overall economic implications. Export promotion from MSME sector is being accorded a high priority in India's export promotion strategy. The Government has put in place several measures to help small enterprises become globally competitive. To boost export performance of MSME products, various measures have been taken by the Government from time to time. Some of the measures undertaken include financial support as well as support for cluster based development, access to latest technologies, quality upgradation, entrepreneurial and managerial development under "National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme" and "Package for Promotion of Micro & Small Enterprises"; financial assistance for bar coding of their products etc. In addition, fiscal incentives, primarily for enhanced market access across the world and diversification of export markets; concessional export credit, interest subvention; procedural rationalization and facilitation are being provided.