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

(a) the details regarding targets and achievements of leather export during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is considering a special programme with adequate funds to help and upgrade existing leather industries, tanning units and slaughter houses to environmentally friendly technology;and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to promote the export of leather goods?

Answer

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

(a) The targets and achievements for export of leather and leather products during last three years are as under:

(Million US$)

Year	Export Target	Export Achievement
2007-08	3307	3548.51
2008-09	4000	3599.46
2009-10	3500	3400.98

Source : Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata

(b) & (c) Financial assistance of 50% of total cost, subject to ceiling of Rs. 50 Crore is provided under Indian Leather Development Programme, for establishment, expansion and up gradation of Common Effluent Treatment Plants. Financial assistance is also provided for establishment/modernization of rural slaughter houses by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries. Leather sector is Focus Sector under Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14 allowing duty free import of critical inputs to the extent of 3% of FOB value of the export realized during previous years, duty credit scrip of 4% for notified leather products and footwear, 2% duty credit scrip for finished leather, Zero Duty Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme to facilitate import of machinery and 1% duty credit scrip under Status Holders Incentive Scrip Scheme for status holders in leather sector (except finished leather segment) for import of capital goods under actual user condition.