

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS SECTOR

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of financial assistance granted by the Government under various schemes for development /promotion and upliftment of handicrafts in each State particularly in Gujarat during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the details of handicraft products exported during the last two years and the current year and quantum of foreign exchange earned by such exporters;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey for the development of Handicrafts in order to make it employment oriented;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the roadblocks identified by the Government in the development of this sector; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to formulate a comprehensive scheme for development of the handicrafts products in the country as well as for promotion of their exports?

**Answer**

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

(a): The details of financial assistance released by the government under various schemes for development /promotion and upliftment of handicrafts in each state including the State of Gujarat during the last two years and current years is as per Annexure-I attached.

(b): The handicrafts products exported during the last two years and the current year include: handknotted carpets and other floor covering; art metal ware; wood wares; hand printed textiles scares; embroidered & crocheted goods; shawls as art ware; Zari & Zari goods; imitation jewellery and other misc. handicrafts items. The foreign exchange earned thereon during the above period is as under:-

Sl.No.	Year	Foreign exchanged earned
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1.	2009-10	Rs.11224.27 Crores
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2.	2010-11	Rs.13526.66 Crores
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3.	2011-12 (upto Oct.,2011)	Rs.7820.04 Crores
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(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The schemes formulated by the Government for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country as well as for promotion of their exports include: Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme; Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Research and Development; Marketing Support & Services Scheme; Human Resource Development; and Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.