

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF LEATHER AND SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the export of leather Products and other products related to small and medium scale industries have declined during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote the export of these products in future?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per statistics compiled by the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) on the basis of information provided by its members; the exports of leather & Leather products by the Small and Medium Units for the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year Total

2008-09 10,362.00

2009-10 10,431.42

2010-11 11,960.39

Source: CLE

(c) For promotion of exports , Government of India has identified leather sector as a Focus Sector in Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14 which, inter- alia, includes facilities such as a) allowing duty free import of critical inputs to the extent of 3% of FOB value of export realization in the previous year b) duty credit scrip of 4% for notified leather products and footwear & 2% duty credit scrip for finished leather under Focus Product Scheme c) Zero Duty Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) to facilitate import of machinery d) 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.