

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the export of handicrafts as against the envisaged target set for the year 2008-09;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the target set for the export of handicrafts in the year 2009-10; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the export of handicrafts?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes Madam. There has been a decline in export of handicrafts registered during 2008-09. Export of Handicraft was Rs. 8183.12 crores compared to Rs.14012.05 crores in 2007-08.

(c): A target of Rs. 9410.58 crores has been fixed for the exports of handicrafts during 2009-10.

(d): To increase the export of handicrafts including hand- knotted carpets, financial assistance is being provided for participation in Fairs/ Exhibitions abroad; organization of buyer-seller's abroad; awareness programmes about technology, packaging and various relevant policies in India; organizing sourcing shows and Thematic promotion of Indian handicrafts. Besides these incentives under Duty Drawback, interest Subvention, VKGUY, ECGC & DEPB schemes are being extended.