

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE TO HANDICRAFT SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of export/import of handicraft items during the last three years and the current year including the schemes/assistance provided for promotion of export of handicraft items;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance/schemes given by the Government for the welfare and upliftment of handicraft sector, including the funds allocated/utilised under various schemes, State-wise particularly Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government is working on creating a Geographic Information Database System to create awareness among the people regarding handicraft;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to be created;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to formulate specific schemes for natural calamities affected handloom weavers/handicraft artisans in all parts of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with status of implementation of the said scheme in the country?

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a): Exports of handicrafts items including hand-knotted carpets during the last three years and current year are as under:-

(Export)
Years (Rs. In crores)

2009-10	11224.27
2010-11	13526.66
2011-12	17558.33
2012-13	11363.06

(upto October 2012)

Imports of handicrafts based on 207 ITC HS codes and imports of handmade carpets and other floor covering under import of 58HS Codes are as under:-

(Import) (Rs. In crores)
Years Handicrafts Carpet and other floor Total
covering

2009-10	2562.62	177.04	2739.66
2010-11	3405.09	214.59	3619.68
2011-12	5048.38	281.42	5329.80
2012-13	1328.42	69.72	1398.14

(upto June 2012)

These figures are inclusive of export/import provided concession/facilities under various Marketing schemes to Registered Exporter Units. The concession/assistance include:-

Duty free import entitlement of tools, trimmings and embellishments is 5% of FOB value of exports during previous financial year. Entitlement is broad banded, and shall extend also to merchant exporters tied up with supporting manufacturers.

Handicraft Export Promotion Council is authorized to import trimmings, embellishments and consumables on behalf of those exporters for whom directly importing may not be viable.

CVD is exempted on duty free import of trimmings, embellishments and consumables.

New towns of export excellence with a reduced threshold limited of Rs.150 crores notified.
Machinery and equipment for effluent treatment plants are exempt from customs duty.
All handicrafts exports would be treated as special focus products and entitled to higher incentives.
In addition to above, 2% bonus benefits under Focus Product Scheme for handicrafts exports and applicable duty drawback on exports of goods are eligible for registered exporters.
Interest Subvention of 2% on pre-shipment & post shipment export credit.
MDA for participation in Fairs & Exhibitions/Buyer-Seller Meet.
MAI Assistance for participation in Fairs/Exhibition/Buyer-Seller Meet in India & Abroad.
Assistance from Textiles Fund for participation in Fairs/Exhibition/BSM in India & Abroad.
In addition, under the Marketing Support and Services scheme assistance is provided for organizing Workshop and Training Programme in Packaging and in Export procedure Management, Workshop/seminar in India and Abroad, Participation in International Fairs and Exhibition abroad, Stand Alone Shows/Road Shows and Buyer Seller's Meet.

(b): Funds are not allocated state-wise in the handicrafts sector and releases are demand driven. The state-wise details of financial assistance released and utilized under various schemes namely Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Design and Technology Upgradation (DTU); Marketing Support and Services (MSS); Human Resource Development (HRD); Research and Development (R&D); and Handicrafts artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme for the welfare and upliftment of handicrafts sector during 2011-12 is as per Annexure.

(c) & (d): To create awareness among the people regarding handicrafts, there exist a website [www.craftsclusters ofindia.in](http://www.craftsclustersofindia.in) where State-wise/district-wise information on crafts and clusters are available.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.