

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

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

- (a) whether any policy initiative has been taken by the Government to boost leather exports in the country; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise regarding leather exports during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) As a policy initiative, Government of India has identified leather sector as a focus sector under Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14. Accordingly, identified products of leather sector would be entitled to avail enhanced Duty Credit Scrip under focus market scheme/focus product scheme. A zero duty scheme has been introduced under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme for certain sectors including leather sector. Besides, Kanpur, Devas and Ambur towns have been recognized as 'Town of Export Excellence' for leather products which would enable these towns to get priority funding under Market Access Initiative Scheme and Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities Scheme operated by Department of Commerce for development of export infrastructure.

(b) State wise export data for the leather goods is not maintained by DGCI&S. However, as per records maintained by Council for Leather Exports, the details of leather goods exported from the major States for 2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09 are as under:-

State	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (Provisional)
	FOB VALUE	FOB VALUE	FOB VALUE
	(Rs. In Crore)	(Rs. In Crore)	(Rs. In Crore)

TAMIL NADU	5277.24	5385.30	5815.22
UTTAR PRADESH	4108.35	4374.33	4716.35
WEST BENGAL	2085.6	2216.55	2603.45
DELHI	936.81	1005.83	1257.00
MAHARASHTRA	847.26	819.04	871.04
OTHERS	1083.9	1112.12	1387.19