

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:120  
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009  
EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS  
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvarya Swamy

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

- (a) the percentage of increase/decrease registered in the export of handicrafts during the last three years and the target fixed for 2009-10;
- (b) the amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of handicrafts during the above period, item-wise;
- (c) whether the benefits of export earning percolates to the actual craftsmen;
- (d) if so, the details and the number of craftsmen benefited, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that benefits reach the craftsmen and also to ensure adequate supply of inputs to craftsmen in time?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 120 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.11.2009.

(a) & (b): The foreign exchange earned in rupee terms from the export of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets, item-wise and the percentage increase/decrease registered during the last three years, is as under:

Rs. in Crores				
ITEMS	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	
A. Carpet & other Floor Coverings				
1. Woolen	3395.73	3233.27	2434.50	
2. Silk	212.47	221.87	210.58	
3. Synthetic	66.66	69.59	63.65	
Total (A)	3674.86	3524.73	2708.73	
% ( - /+ )	+19.23	(-) 4.09	(-)23.15%	

B Other Handicrafts				
1. Art Metalware	4135.06	3308.05	1790.27	
2. Woodwares	1180.02	1038.92	622.78	
3. H.P. Textiles Scarves	2465.18	1773.93	1116.86	
4. Embroidered & Crocheted	5860.35	5145.16	2936.98	
5. Shawls as Artware	216.82	213.56	119.07	
6. Zari & Zari goods	392.45	349.23	175.13	
7 Imitation Jewellery	386.09	351.32	208.28	
8. Misc. Handicrafts	2652.17	1831.88	1213.75	
Total (B)	17288.14	14012.05	8183.12	
% ( - /+ )	+19.01	(-) 18.95	(-)41.60	
Grand Total (A+B)	20963.00	17536.78	10891.85	
% ( - /+ )	+19.04	(-)16.35	(-)37.89	

No target has been fixed by Government for the year 2009-10. However, Government has directed Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion Council to take appropriate steps to arrest the decline in exports of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. The benefits of export earning percolates to the actual craftpersons as they get better remunerative price for their products through export. However, the details of number of craftpersons benefitted, State-wise, are not maintained.

(e): Does not arise.