

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF LABOUR INTENSIVE SECTORS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of exports of goods from labour intensive sectors during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether this sector has been lagging behind despite a rise in the net exports from the sector and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the export of goods from the labour intensive sectors;
- (d) whether the Government has doubled the value of duty free import of capital goods, office equipments and consumables allowed against foreign exchange; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its impact on the recession in this sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) The quantum of export of goods from labour intensive sectors during each of the last three years and the current year (Up to December 2012) is as under:-

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Sectors	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (Upto December, 12)
LEATHER & MANUFACTURES	16,355.09	17,817.78	22,972.30	19,352.55
ENGINEERING GOODS	1,84,001.75	2,26,805.21	2,79,697.82	2,23,545.18
TEXTILES	88,491.61	1,05,612.84	1,30,190.54	1,02,357.10
HANDICRAFTS	1,384.25	1,170.51	1,331.66	954.89
CARPETS	3,565.04	4,718.34	4,071.29	3,975.07
HANDLOOM PRODUCTS	0.00	1,574.95	2,623.96	2,262.66

(b): Due to global slowdown exports from labour intensive sectors has also been affected in the current year as compared to previous year.

(c): The Government continuously monitors the export performance of different sectors including labour intensive sectors and takes need based measures from time to time, keeping in view the financial and overall economic implications. In furtherance of the above strategy, the Government had introduced Focus Market and Focus Products Schemes to encourage exports of traditional as well as non-traditional products and to certain markets. In December, 2012 Government has taken the following measures to boost the exports:

(i) A new Incremental Export Incentivisation Scheme has been introduced to provide additional 2% incentive on the incremental growth achieved during the period January to March, 2013 over the corresponding period of 2012.

(ii) 5 new markets have been added in the Focus Market Scheme.

(iii) Approximately 100 products have been added in Focus Product Scheme.

(iv) Interest Subvention Scheme has been extended to specified tariff lines of Engineering Sector.

(d) & (e): No, Madam.