

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

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MEGA LEATHER CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) has requested the Government to set up five mega leather clusters to overcome shortage of raw materials in future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to set up leather clusters in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As part of the Pre-Union Budget memorandum for the leather sector for the year 2011-12, the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) had requested the Government of India for announcement of the Mega Leather Cluster scheme in the Union Budget 2011-12 and its subsequent notification for setting up of seven Mega Leather Clusters in various states.

Consequent to the Budget Announcements of 2011-12, the Govt has notified the sub-scheme titled "Mega Leather Cluster" on 20th March 2012 under Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDPA) for implementation during 12th Plan period to address the infrastructure constraints of Indian Leather Sector.

5 Preliminary Proposals (3 from Uttar Pradesh, 1 from Andhra Pradesh and 1 from Haryana) have been received for establishment of MLCs from industry in November-December, 2012 and considered by the Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 21.01.2013.