

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF CARPETS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of carpets exported during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether exports of carpets have registered a decline in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to assist the carpet industry in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): The details of exports of handmade carpets and other floor coverings during last three years obtained from the Ministry of Textiles were as under:

Year Value of Export

2006-07 Rs. 3674.86 (US \$ 807.94 Million)

2007-08 Rs. 3524.73 (US \$ 875.71 Million)

2008-09 Rs. 2708.73 (US \$ 600.06 Million)

The State-wise details of exports of carpets are not maintained centrally.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. As regards Handmade Carpet Industry is concerned, there is downward trend of exports by (-) 23.75 per cent in Rupee terms during 2008-09 as compared to 2007-08 and of (-) 4.09 per cent in Rupee terms during 2007-08 as compared to 2006-07. The shortfall of exports is due to slowdown of demand of handmade carpets and other floor coverings in the world market due to recession in the world markets.

(d): Government (in the Ministry of Textiles) has taken steps to assist the carpet industry to improve the exports, which include:

- (i) participation in Fairs / Exhibitions abroad;
- (ii) organising Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair twice a year;
- (iii) organizing Thematic Exhibition, organizing programmes for packaging and export procedures;
- (iv) organization of buyer-seller meets (BSMs), workshops/seminars and Stand Alone Shows for brand image promotion of Indian handicrafts abroad;
- (v) organizing seminars/workshops in important weaving centres by the Handloom Export Promotion Council; and

(vi) inclusion of Handmade Carpets and other floor coverings under Focus Product Scheme by allowing Duty Credit Scrip of 5 per cent on FOB value of exports.