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SLOW DOWN IN LEATHER INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the deterioration of leather industry due to slow down in the economy and lack of infrastructural facilities has led to shifting of artisans; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and remedial measures taken by the Government to salvage the Industry?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, the slow down in the global economy has adversely affected the exports of leather products from India during six months of the financial year 2009-10. However, the slow down in the global economy and lack of infrastructural facilities have not affected the leather artisans to that extent and no shifting of artisans has been reported because the domestic market is served by micro, small and medium enterprises where in large number of artisans are involved. During the 11th Five Year Plan period, the Central Government has approved Rs. 1237.52 crores under the "Indian Leather Development Programme" (ILDP) aiming towards infrastructure development, capacity building, human resource development, investment promotion and addressing environmental issues for the leather industry. Interventions at Jodhpur, Jaipur and Alwar in Rajasthan; Patiala in Punjab; and Athani in Karnataka under the sub-scheme "Support to Artisans" having an allocation of Rs. 40 crores under ILDP aiming towards providing livelihood support to the artisans by providing design support to improvise their designs as per the changing trends in fashion and marketing support have started. Skill development placement linked training programme at Agra, Kanpur, Chennai and onsite (in factories) have started under the sub-scheme "Human Resource Development" having an allocation of Rs. 60 crores. Research and Development support for the saddlery industry is also being provided. The Central Government has established another branch of Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) with Central assistance of Rs. 96.69 crores in Fursatganj in Uttar Pradesh and is establishing 3 more branches of FDDI at Chennai, Kolkata and Rohtak with Central assistance of Rs. 96.69 crores each. Further, a training institute is being established in Madhya Pradesh with Central assistance of Rs. 24.85 crores. There is also a provision of Rs. 10 crores for up-gradation of the FDDI branch at Noida. In order to make the Indian leather industry compatible to meet environmental and pollution norms, an allocation of Rs. 200 crores has been provided under the sub-scheme, "Environment Initiatives" and assistance to 5 Common Effluent Treatment Plants in the State of Tamil Nadu have been provided in order to attain Zero Liquid Discharge. The Central Government is also providing assistance for infrastructure for establishment of a Leather Complex (Tannery) in Andhra Pradesh and a Footwear Complex in Tamil Nadu. Under the sub-scheme, "Integrated Development of Leather Sector" assistance for technology up-gradation, modernization and establishment of leather units is being provided. An allocation of Rs. 300 crores under the sub-scheme, "Development of Leather Parks" to provide assistance for infrastructure towards development of leather parks has also been provided.