

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HANDLOOM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country's share is only two per cent in world handloom export market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for handloom products not being export-oriented despite handloom sector enjoys a traditional legacy in the country;
- (d) whether the Government is providing required facilities and protections in order to make hand loom production export-oriented; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): India is the only country which produces handlooms on a commercial scale for exports. India possesses 85% of the worlds installed capacity of handlooms. The export of handloom products during the year 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 has been Rs. 2624 crore, Rs. 2812 crore and Rs. 2233 crore respectively.

(c): The fact is that inspite of stiff competition from other organised sectors, handloom products are being exported to various countries in the world.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has been providing assistance to the eligible hand- loom organisations/agencies through various develop- mental, welfare and incentive schemes for production of export-oriented handloom products. Some of such schemes are:-

i) National Handloom Development Programme.ii) Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.iii) Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme.iv) Focus Product Scheme. v) Focus Market Scheme. vi) Duty Drawback Scheme.