

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

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EXPORT IMPORT OF COIR COIR PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantum and value of coir and coir products exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country and product-wise;
- (b) whether the production of handmade coir products has been decreased during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and export of coir and coir products?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Value of Merchandise export/import of coir and coir products in the last three years and current year 2014-15 (April-October) has been given below. The country-wise/commodity-wise quantity and value of export and import in last three years and the current year are available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form, namely 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Vol.I and Vol.II. Such CDs are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S, Kolkata.

	Value in Rs Lakhs			
Period	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Apr-Oct 2014 (P)
Merchandise	101844	106947	139664	84651
export of coir & coir Products				
Merchandise	6364	8887	5834	1898
import of coir & coir Products				

Source: DGCI&S;P: Provisional

(b) & (c) Details of production of Coir and Coir Products during the last three years are given below. However, production data for current year is not available. It would be seen that production and export of coir & coir products has generally increased over the last three years.

Item	2011-12 ( MT )	2012-13 ( MT )	2013-14 ( MT )
Coir Fibre	531,500	536,185	539,815
Coir Yarn	318,900	321,700	323,900
Coir Products	210,474	212,322	213,800
Coir Rope	63,780	64,340	64,780
Curled Coir	63,780	63,780	64,700
Rubberized Coir	85,040	86,000	86,370

Source: Coir Board

(d) Government has taken following steps to increase the production and exports of coir and coir products.

# The Coir and Coir products are incentivized at the rate varying from 2% to 5% under Focus Product Scheme. They are also incentivized at the rate varying from 3% to 4% under Focus Market Scheme.

# Exemption of excise duty on handmade carpets and textile floor coverings of coir and jute Products

# Under the export market promotion scheme of Government of India, implemented by Coir Board, the following activities to promote exports of coir products are covered

- (i) Participation in International Fairs
- (ii) Giving Awards for excellence in Coir Products
- (iii) Exploration of new market for coir products.