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MODERNISATION OF LEATHER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to modernize the leather industry;
- (b) If so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented.
- (c) If not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) The other steps taken/being taken to revamp the leather industry of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (COMMERCE & INDUSTRY) DR. RAMAN SINGH

- a) & b) With a view to promoting the holistic development of the leather sector, a Tannery Modernisation Scheme has been launched with effect from 18.1.2000. The Scheme, which will initially be in operation till 2001-2002, proposes to cover about 30% of the tanneries.
- c) Does not arise.
- d) The following steps have been taken under various programmes to revamp the leather industry:
- i) Augmentation of capacities by attracting fresh investments and permitting the establishment of integrated tanning units.
 - ii) Rationalisation of duty structure through annual budget exercises.
 - iii) Upgradation of training systems for design and manufacture of footwear, garments and leather goods.
 - iv) Creation of institutional facilities of international standards to meet the needs of manpower training.
 - v) Strengthening of the linkages between organized and unorganized sectors.
 - vi) Establishment of 25 Carcass Recovery and By-product Utilization Centres in different States to augment the domestic availability of raw materials.
 - vii) Support to the artisanal sector by providing better design, equipment, training and exposure to domestic and international markets.
 - viii) Establishment of common effluent treatment plants in the major tanning clusters.