

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:888
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EXPORT OF HANDLOOM ITEMS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries to which handloom items were exported during each of the last three years, alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (b) whether any specific scheme has been formulated by the Government keeping in view the increasing demand of Indian handloom items; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

(a) The details of the top 25 countries to which handloom items were exported during the preceding three years (1999-2000 to 2001-02), alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom, are annexed. The export data for the year 2002-03 is available only upto February 2003 and for the subsequent period, the same is yet to be made available by the concerned agency.

(b) to (c) Yes, Sir. In order to give impetus to the export of handloom products, a scheme namely `Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing (DEPM)` had been in operation since 1996-97 till the end of the 9th Plan. The scheme continues to be implemented during the 10th Five Year Plan with minor modifications and under a modified nomenclature of `Handloom Export Scheme`. The Handloom Export Scheme envisages provision of financial assistance to the handloom agencies such as National and State Level Handloom Corporations, Apex Cooperative Societies, Primary Handloom Weavers` Cooperative Societies and Private Handloom Exporters, recommended by Handloom Export Promotion Council, for development of export worthy handloom products, publicity & international marketing thereof and setting up of value addition/quality control units. Financial assistance is also provided under the scheme to Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Association of Corporations and Apex Societies of Handlooms (ACASH) etc. for organising participation of their members in international fairs/exhibitions/Buyer-Seller-Meets.

Details of financial assistance provided under the scheme to the handloom agencies during the last three years are as under: -

S.No. Year Financial assistance provided (Rs. In lakh)

1.	2000-2001	Rs. 400.00
2.	2001-2002	Rs. 325.02
3.	2002-2003	Rs. 300.00

Annexure as referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 888 due for answer on 25th July 2003

Details of the top 25 countries to which handloom items were exported during the last three years (1999-00 to 2001-02)

(Rupees in Crore)

SL.No Name of the Country 1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002

1	United States of America	583.10	635.85	613.46
2	United Kingdom	235.25	212.99	215.10
3	Japan	114.62	122.36	98.83
4	Germany	130.32	129.98	123.06

5	France	90.34	100.88	80.25
6	Sweden	68.12	66.31	49.33
7	Australia	61.72	59.04	52.39
8	Italy	71.19	62.12	65.75
9	Belgium	44.79	64.36	68.23
10	Canada	37.31	48.42	47.38
11	Spain	46.49	47.89	47.92
12	Netherlands	32.30	34.18	30.83
13	Singapore	22.37	24.14	21.45
14	Malaysia	17.20	19.07	19.39
15	Denmark	22.57	15.48	19.39
16	South Africa	17.97	19.94	22.12
17	U.A.E.	20.57	36.02	40.15
18	Hong Kong	20.64	19.08	18.15
19	China P.Rep.	12.09	14.03	13.04
20	Sri Lanka	22.37	23.75	28.23
21	Nigeria	20.39	12.36	28.57
22	Togoland	3.92	24.37	25.81
23	Portugal	18.75	16.04	16.61
24	Norway	15.51	14.08	11.11
25	Bangladesh	19.34	21.70	15.93