

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1696
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INTERNATIONAL LEATHER COMPLEX
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought sanction for the setting up of an International Leather complex; and
- (b) if so, the action taken to give a fillip to the leather industry to provide employment generation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of an international leather complex in the State has been received. The scheme for setting up a leather complex at an appropriate location is part of a proposal for integrated development of leather sector having an outlay of Rs. 400 crore in the Tenth Five Year Plan and comprising several schemes/initiatives. These schemes/initiatives are aimed at improving global competitiveness of the Indian leather industry thereby catalyzing employment in the sector.