

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HANDMADE CARPETS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate a time bound action plan to achieve a quantum growth in the export of handmade carpets with specific focus on increasing employment opportunities;
- (b) if so, salient features of the same; and
- (c) the time by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): The Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) prepare an Annual Action Plan to achieve a quantum growth in the export of handmade carpets with specific focus on increasing employment opportunities. The Government provide financial assistance to the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) to take various measures of export promotion activities in order to boost export of handmade carpets. The measures include: organization of buyer - seller's meet; overseas publicity; organisation of workshops on design development; export marketing and packaging etc; participation in various international fairs; sponsoring of sales-cum-study teams abroad and organisation of Carpet Expo's (Autumn and Spring) annually in New Delhi.