

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN HANDICRAFT TRADE  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage increase in the trade of handicrafts registered during last three years; State-wise;
- (b) whether any special scheme is being implemented for promoting handicrafts trade; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA )

(a): State-wise export data on handicrafts is not maintained. However the percentage increase in handicrafts exports including handknotted carpets registered during the last three years is as under:-

S.No.    Years    Exports (Rs. In crores)    % Increase

1.	2002-02	9205.63	(-) 0.70
2.	2002-03	10933.67	+ 18.77
3.	2003-04	12765.18	+ 16.75

(b) & (c): For promoting handicrafts trade office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) implements 'Export Promotion' scheme which envisages development & promotion of exportable products, identification of markets, participation in fairs & exhibitions, publicity abroad etc. The other promotional steps include: organization of Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair/Carpet Expo and setting up of India Exposition Mart at Greater Noida to provide round the clock marketing outlets for the foreign buyers.