

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:46

ANSWERED ON:25.11.2005

DEVELOPMENT OF HANDICRAFTS

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently made an assessment of the development of handicrafts in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the States which have not fixed the target for the development of handicrafts;
- (d) the States which are lagging behind in the development of handicrafts; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to promote handicrafts in these States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.46 FOR ANSWER ON 25.11.2005

(a) Yes, Sir. Development of Handicrafts is directly related to Handicrafts export. As such, for development of Handicrafts in the country an assessment of status of export of handicrafts was undertaken through Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH).

(b) The outcome of the assessment is as under:

a. The export of handicrafts is growing at an average annual growth rate of 15%.

b. The major contributors to exports are: Embroidered and Crocheted goods (32.22%); Art-Metal-ware (25.8%); and Hand- printed Textiles & Scarves (14.18%).

c. The share of Indian exports in global handicrafts trade is approximately 1.3%.

d. Central Region contributes 48% and Northern Region contributes about 35% of the total exports of Handicrafts from the country.

(c) The target and export figures of Handicrafts are prescribed and maintained for the country as a whole and no State-wise targets are fixed.

(d) Going by the performance in export, the Regions lagging behind are Eastern Region including NER (6.33%), Western Region (5.66%) & Southern Region (4.99%).

(e) For the development and promotion of handicrafts in the country including the areas lagging behind, various schemes are being implemented which include Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for cluster development, Design & Technology Upgradation, Marketing and Support Services, Export Promotion, Special Handicrafts Training Project for skill up-gradation, Credit Guarantee Scheme, Research & Development, etc.

In addition, to promote handicrafts from Eastern, North Eastern, Southern & Western Regions, diversification of product segment by identification of potential crafts from these regions is being undertaken.

Further, the Government has also initiated action for brand promotion of handicrafts in US and European Markets through EPCH.