

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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EXPORT OF HANDLOOM ITEMS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total exports made in handicrafts and handloom items during the last three years, craft-wise the target fixed;
- (b) the extent to which these targets have been achieved; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the exports of handicrafts and handloom items in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)&(b) The total target and crafts-wise export of handicrafts items during the last three years is as per Annexure-I attached. The export data for handloom items is not available since April 2003 onwards due to revision in ITC (HS) code w.e.f. 01.04.2003 which does not provide any segregated classification for handloom products. However, total yearwise target for the last three years and product group wise export of handloom items for the year 2002-03 is as per Annexure-II attached.

(c) The steps taken to improve export of handicraft and handloom items in the country include: participation in international fairs and exhibitions abroad; organizing buyers sellers meets; overseas publicity; conducting market studies; development of products as per market demand; dissemination of market intelligence amongst exporters; organizing seminars/workshops on export procedure & packaging; opening of showroom/warehouse in Dallas (USA); exploring new markets in CIS, South Africa, Latin American & ASEAN Countries; technical upgradation of looms and various production processes; Technology Upgradation Fund to upgrade technology; supply of Hank Yarn at Millgate Prices to handloom production centers; organization of Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair at New Delhi and setting up of India Exposition Mart at Greater Noida & Special Economic Zones.

Annexure-I & II referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 598 for answer on 25.11.2005

Annexure-I

TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENT IN EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS.

(Fig. In Rs. Crores)

Items	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Target	10470.00	12950.00	14383.00
Achievement			
A. Carpet & other Floor Coverings			
1. Woolen	2293.79	2617.85	2389.82
2. Silk	209.42	120.48	150.11
3. Synthetic	87.05	41.46	43.69
Total (A)	2590.26	2779.79	2583.62

B. Other Handicrafts

Art Metalware	2165.21	2642.42	3364.93
Woodwares	511.35	609.07	721.18
M.P. Textiles Scarves	1466.52	1611.43	1848.76
Embroidered & Crocheted	2477.75	3286.05	4199.86
Shawls as Artware	21.70	43.27	53.65
Zari & Zari goods	159.47	210.54	252.28
Imitation Jewellery	138.79	16190	200.56
Misc. Handicrafts	1391.62	1900.46	2391.48
Total (B)	83.43.41	10465.14	13032.70
Grand Total (A+B)	10933.67	13244.93	15616.32

Annexure-II

TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENT IN EXPORT OF HAHNDLOOMS

(Fig. In Rs. Lakhs)

S. No. Product Group Name 2002-03
Target 266200.00
Achievements
I Fabrics
Real Madras Handkerchiefs 1214.00
Lunghies 4022.75
Dhoties 33958.30
Sarees 1093.74
Shirting 5110.79
Furnishings 2341.61
Others 36552.70
Fabrics Total 84293.89

II. Made-ups
Bed linen 3951.06
Table linen 4719.12
Toilet & Kitchen linen 4356.93
Bedspreads 11636.62
Curtains 17367.24
Furnishing articles 94071.12
Floor coverings 26102.39
Clothing accessories 6560.66
Others 10267.80
Made-ups Total 179032.93
Grand Total 263326.82

The target for the year 2003-04 & 2004-05 has been to the tune of Rs.264200.00 lakhs and Rs.292000.00 lakhs respectively.