

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:856
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MODERNISATION OF LEATHER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various State Government have requested the Central Government to release funds for the modernization of their leather industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): The plan scheme "Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS)" to be implemented during this 10th Plan Period (2002-07) has become applicable with effect from November 3, 2005. This is a comprehensive scheme for modernization and technology up-gradation in all the segments of the Leather Industry. Under this scheme financial assistance to the extent of 30% of cost of plant and machinery for Small Scale Industries (SSI) and 20% of cost of plant and machinery for other units (non SSI units) subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs is provided to individual units and not to State Governments.

(b) & (c): Not applicable.