

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:550  
ANSWERED ON:23.05.2006  
GROWTH OF LEATHER INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of leather exported during the last one year and the current year alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;
- (b) the foreign investment by the leather industry during the above said period, country-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote foreign investment in the leather industry and for its further growth?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI KAMAL NATH )

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 550 FOR ANSWER ON 23.05.2006 REGARDING 'GROWTH OF LEATHER INDUSTRY'.

(a): The quantity and value of finished leather exports and leather products exports for the last one year and the current year are as below:-

Export figures of Finished Leather during the last one year and current year (April - December 2005)

Product 2004-05    April - December 2005  
US\$ Million Kg.    US\$ Million Kg.

Finished leather 577.00    30,159.31    457.71    26,203.15

(Source: DGCI&S)

Country-wise export figures of Leather Products to major importing countries during the last year and current year (value in Million US\$)

COUNTRY 2004 - 05    April - December 05  
Germany 336.69    256.96  
UK 299.21    257.09  
USA 279.70    239.45  
Italy 242.60    206.09  
Hong Kong 236.52    186.60  
France 132.73    103.25  
Spain 169.21    137.83

(Source: DGCI&S)

(b): The cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow into the leather sector from August 1991 to January 2006 has been reported as Rs. 196.20 crores.

(c): Under the Integrated Leather Development Programme (ILDPP) for the Tenth Five Year Plan period, necessary support to organize special investment programmes in major and potential overseas countries is provided for attracting overseas investments in the form of FDI/ Joint Ventures (JVs)/ Technical Collaboration into the Indian Leather Sector. `India Leather Desk` has also been established in Milan with the objective of enhancing business relations between India and Italy, with a special focus on FDIs/JVs.