

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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FUND FOR HANDICRAFT EXPORT
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for the creation of a fund aimed at an export promotion drive for the handicrafts sector, covering aspects such as improving the overall product, designing, publicity, promotion and marketing of Indian handicraft products across global markets is under consideration of the Government:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the creation of said fund is likely to increase handicraft export over the next five years and India's share in world market; and

(d) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): No Sir. However, for promotion of handicrafts sector various initiatives like product development programmes, designing, publicity, promotion and marketing of Indian handicrafts through participation in global markets in the established fairs are being undertaken by the Government under the existing Export Promotion Scheme.

(c)&(d): Do not arise.