

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR HANDICRAFT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage increase in the trade of handicrafts registered during the last three years, State-wise particularly in Gujarat;
- (b) whether any special scheme is being implemented for promoting handicrafts trade;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) to what extent this special scheme will improve the handicrafts trade?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a): The percentage increase/decrease in exports of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets registered during the last three years is as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Exports (Rs. In crores)	% Growth
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	Handicraft	Carpet	Total
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1.	2001-02	6769.50	2436.13	9205.63	(-)	0.70
2.	2002-03	8343.41	2590.26	10933.67	+	18.77
3.	2003-04	10465.14	2300.04	12765.18	+	16.75

State wise export statistics is not being maintained.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. With the view to promote trade of handicrafts export promotion scheme is being implemented having components of product Development, Publicity & Marketing. Product Development components include: workshops and trainings in packaging and export procedures; training artisans/mastercraftpersons/designers for technology development; workshops/seminars in India & abroad; selection of designers/artisans for development of prototypes for exports and invitation to foreign designers. The component of publicity and marketing include: publicity for export promotion; participation in international fairs/exhibitions; buyers-seller's meets in India and abroad and conducting market studies abroad.

(d): Increase in the export of handicrafts from Rs.9205.63 crores in 2001-02 to Rs.12765.18 crores in 2003-04 shows that this scheme has significantly contributed in improving the export of handicrafts.