

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2475
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2005
HANDICRAFTS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL
Bishnoi Shri Kuldeep

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government propose to give the status of 'bulk import agency' to the Handicrafts Export Promotion Council;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which an early decision is likely to be taken in this regard for the facilitation of small handicrafts exporters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)&(b): The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts has been authorized to import trimmings, embellishments and consumables on behalf of those exporters for whom direct import may not be viable.

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