

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDICRAFTS FROM BIHAR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the exports of handicrafts items and Madhubani paintings from Bihar has suffered a setback due to recession in the world economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government to provide relief to the artisans and promote the handicrafts sector in Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Export of Handicrafts state-wise is not maintained. However, Export of Handicraft items from the Country including from the State of Bihar has shown a declining trend due to world-wide recession, which can be gauged from the export of handicrafts registered from the country during the last three years, which are as under:

S.No. Years Exports (Rs. In Crores)

1. 2006-07 20963.00

2. 2007-08 17536.78

3. 2008-09 10891.85

As regards, the export of Madhubani Painting of previous years from the country as reported by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts are as given below:

Year Rs. Crores US\$ Million

2007-08 1.95 0.48

2008-09 1.34 0.30

(c): The remedial measures taken by the Government to provide relief to the artisans and promote the handicrafts sector in the country including the State of Bihar include: implementation of schemes like Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected handicraft clusters; Design and Technology Up-gradation; Marketing Support and Services; Research and Development; Human Resource Development.