

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

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Export of Leather and Leather Products  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the share of India in the world trade of leather and leather products at present along with the total quantity and value of leather and leather products exported from the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether the export of leather and leather products has declined during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the export duty on leather hides from India is the highest in the world and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to remove the export duty on leather hides in order to promote leather trade of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken to promote exports of leather and leather products from the country; and
- (e) whether the Government has launched the Indian Leather Development Program and if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the status of the programme and the manner in which it is likely to benefit the leather Industry?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Madam, the details are enclosed in Annexure.

(b) The export of leather and leather products has grown from US\$ 5015.41 million in 2012-13 to US\$ 6494.41 million in 2014-15. As per provisional data available for the period 2015-16, the export of leather and leather products has declined by -10.08% over 2014-15 mainly due to recession in major market of Europe, instability in middle-east, sanctions against Russia etc.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Yes, the Government launched the Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDPP) from the 10th Five Year Plan and the same has been continued in 12th Plan. Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India is the implementing agency. The objective of ILDPP scheme is to augment raw material base, enhance capacity, modernization and upgradation of leather units, address environmental concerns, human resource development, support to traditional leather artisans, address infrastructure constraints and establish institutional facilities so as to benefit the leather industries in these areas.

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Annexure

According to latest available statistics of International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva, for the year 2013-14, the total global import of leather, leather products and footwear was 172678.85 million US \$ and India's share (as per DGCI&S data) was 5937.97 million US \$, which is equal to a share of 3.44% approximately.

The value of export of leather and leather products from India during the last 3 years is as follows:-

(Value in million US \$)

Product	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Finished Leather	1093.73	1284.57	1329.05
Footwear	2066.91	2557.66	2945.15
Leather Garments	563.54	596.15	604.25

Leather Goods 1180.82 1353.91 1453.26  
Saddlery & Harness 110.41 145.54 162.70  
Total 5015.41 5937.97 6494.41  
% Growth 2.91% 18.39% 9.37%  
Source: DGC&S

According to membership records of Council for Leather Exports (CLE), the quantity-wise export of leather and leather products for the period 2012-13 to 2014-15 is as follows:

Product	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Finished Leather (Sq.Ft.)	759,565,425	828,277,251	836,885,101
Footwear Components (Pairs)	38,720,932	39,862,656	64,032,977
Harness & Saddlery (Pieces)	15,219,124	15,895,995	19,415,952
Leather Footwear (Pairs)	88,667,982	94,920,239	105,542,566
Leather Garments (Pieces)	10,212,318	9,319,606	9,385,456
Leather Gloves (Pairs)	131,255,350	146,216,484	149,053,256
Leather Goods (Pieces)	144,589,099	147,577,953	157,193,493
Non Leather Footwear (Pairs)	12,350,561	13,783,038	13,630,078