

Proposal from Chhattisgarh on handloom expo

†3679. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for organizing expo of Chhattisgarh's special handloom in Kolkata, Mumbai etc. have been received for sanction; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the year 2009-10, proposals for organizing Special Handloom Expo in Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi and Raipur were received and the same were sanctioned.

Ceiling for cotton export

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the excessiveness of cotton export, domestic textile industry does not get sufficient raw material;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has received any proposal to fix the ceiling for cotton export; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether his Ministry has taken any decision regarding this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Textiles has received a number of representations from garment and handloom sectors regarding steep increase in cotton prices and supply line distortions.

(d) To ensure adequate domestic availability of raw cotton, the Government has initiated the following measures:

(i) Imposition of export duty on raw cotton and cotton waste.

(ii) Suspension of Registration of Cotton Exports to ensure a carry forward stock of 50 lakh bales from the cotton season 2009-10.

(iii) Intensified monitoring of the cotton situation through the Cotton Advisory Board.