

Output of leather goods industry

1345. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total industrial output of the Leather and Leather Goods Industry for the last one year;
- (b) what is the estimated amount of money that was invested in the sector;
- (c) the details whether the sector is making profit or incurring losses; and
- (d) the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) As per the report of Working Group on Leather and Leather Products for Twelfth Plan period, the Domestic production of leather products for the Year 2011-12 was estimated to worth Rs.93,625/- crore.

(b) During the previous year 2011-12, Rs.171.02 crore was released to the Leather Industry through the central-scheme 'Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDPA)'.
(c) The Leather Sector comprises both Private organized companies at one end of the spectrum while at the other end are the unorganized individual artisans and craftsmen. Since, the industry is deregulated and completely based on private entrepreneurs, there is no system of data of profit and loss figures being maintained by the Government.

(d) The question does not arise.

Unclaimed funds under Employees Provident Fund

1346. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly Rs. 2000 crores of funds under the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) are still unclaimed or not distributed to the beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has taken any action to distribute the unclaimed funds to the beneficiaries or their heirs;