

it has been decided that there will be no complete handing over of catering service by IRCTC to private licensees and Zonal Railways will have powers of supervision and monitoring.

#### **Setting up of Urban Haats in Rajasthan**

†1113. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has sent the project report to the Central Government for setting up Urban Haat at Sikar and Alwar;

(b) if so, by when the administrative and financial approvals would be granted to it;

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested the Central Government for approval of Central assistance under Enforcement Scheme;

(d) if so, whether Government intends to accord the said approval; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir. Government of Rajasthan has submitted the project proposal for setting up of Urban Haat at Sikar and Alwar.

(b) Administrative and financial approval would be considered for sanction subject to submission of proper land documents, commitment letter from the State Government towards their own contribution and Architecture Design and Plan and fulfilling the requirement as per scheme guidelines by the implementing agency.

(c) to (e) Not applicable.

#### **Performance of textile sector**

1114. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of segments that are doing well in Textile and Clothing sectors in the last two years and the current year, year-wise and segment-wise;

(b) to what extent the global gloom is impacting export of our clothing and textile exports and how the Ministry is planning to push it further;

(c) whether it is a fact that exports of handicrafts, including handmade carpets, has shown improvement in the first half of 2015-16 as compared to the same period in the last year; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, how the Ministry is planning to push the exports by taking advantage of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The details of exports segment-wise and year-wise of textiles and clothing in the last two years and the current year is given in the Statement-I (*See* below). The segments that are doing well are apparel, handloom and handicrafts. Due to global slowdown, the exports of total textiles and clothing including handicraft has shown a negative growth of 0.01% during April-December, 2016 in US\$ terms compared to the same period previous year.

The Government is implementing schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Schemes for the development of the Power-loom Sector, Schemes for Technical Textiles, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITPs), Integrated Skill Development Scheme etc. to modernize textile industry, increase production and global competitiveness.

Besides, the Government has taken following initiatives to augment the textile exports:

- (i) MEIS Scheme under new Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-20.
- (ii) Restoring Interest rate subvention for pre and post shipment credit for the textile sector.
- (iii) Expanding the scope of Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) since 29.10.2015 to 110 new tariff lines and increase rates or country coverage or both for 2228 existing tariff lines.
- (iv) Increased Duty Drawback rates for some textile articles.
- (v) Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.
- (vi) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme.
- (vii) Duty Free import of trimmings, embellishments and other specified item under Export Performance Certificate Entitlement Scheme.

(c) and (d) Yes, as per details given in the Statement-II (*See* below), the exports of Handicrafts has increased from ₹ 13,460 in April-December, 2014 to ₹ 14,782 crores in April-December, 2015 by 10% in rupees term. In dollar terms, the exports has increased from US\$ 2,215 million to US\$ 2,282 million by 3% over the similar period Government is providing assistance to all exports as mentioned in part (a) and (b) above.

*Statement-I**India's textiles exports at a glance (Principal Commodities)*

Sl.No.	Item	2013-2014 (Apr-March)		2014-15 (Apr-March.)		% change US\$ Mn	2014-15 (Apr-Dec.)		2015-16 (Apr-Dec.)		% Change US\$ Mn
		Crore	US\$ Mn	Crore	US\$ Mn		Crore	US\$ Mn	Crore	US\$ Mn	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>A.</b>	<b>Readymade Garment</b>	87412.35	14445.90	99173.82	16216.18	12%	70789.10	11655.47	77645.70	12002.21	3%
	RMG of cotton incl. accessories	55092.95	9106.39	56753.38	9281.28		40873.34	6729.71	42506.12	6566.81	
	RMG of Man-made fibre	19045.91	3148.83	24431.49	3994.43		17074.33	2812.32	19766.38	3059.26	
	RMG of other textile material	13273.49	2190.68	17988.95	2940.47		12841.43	2113.44	15373.20	2376.14	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Cotton Textiles</b>	83563.95	13728.35	71912.55	11752.61	-14%	52831.18	8686.90	53864.75	8299.26	-0.04%
	Cotton Yarn	27617.48	4550.26	24104.13	3937.57		17686.33	2906.43	17849.04	2755.48	
	Other Textile Yam, Fabric, Madeup Article	2562.80	422.09	2443.16	399.46		1841.07	302.73	1629.05	251.45	
	Cotton raw including waste	22337.84	3637.53	11642.64	1900.19		8211.46	1348.96	8804.33	1343.86	
	Cotton fabrics & madeups	31045.83	5118.47	33722.62	5515.39		25092.32	4128.78	25582.33	3948.47	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Man-made textiles</b>	35017.75	5781.26	35627.86	5826.39	1%	26740.71	4398.47	25725.18	3972.23	-0.10%
	Man-made staple fibres	3622.66	597.79	3374.77	551.60		2524.89	415.05	2578.56	397.30	
	Man-made yarn, fab. & madeups	31395.09	5183.47	32253.09	5274.79		24215.82	3983.42	23146.62	3574.93	

<b>D.</b>	<b>Wool &amp; Woolen textiles</b>	2640.83	434.74	3136.61	513.50	18%	2453.21	403.72	2409.82	372.28	-0.08%
	RMG of Wool	1871.11	307.47	1901.76	311.53		1558.19	256.35	1457.59	225.30	
	Wool raw	1.19	0.20	0.24	0.04		0.10	0.02	1.55	0.24	
	Woollen yarn, fabrics & madeups	768.53	127.07	1234.61	201.93		894.92	147.35	950.68	146.74	
<b>E.</b>	<b>Silk</b>	2399.14	395.76	2735.41	447.76	13%	2011.03	331.31	1778.37	275.61	-0.17%
	RMG of Silk	1434.04	236.54	1862.36	304.77		1336.77	220.28	1273.10	197.46	
	Natural silk yarn, fab. & madeups	865.53	142.93	763.24	125.02		586.19	96.57	431.19	66.72	
	Silk Raw	0.27	0.04	0.69	0.11		0.34	0.05	1.36	0.21	
	Silk waste	99.30	16.25	109.12	17.86		87.73	14.41	72.72	11.22	
<b>F.</b>	<b>Handloom Product</b>	2250.22	373.01	2263.85	370.22	-1%	1612.31	265.24	1835.94	283.63	7%
<b>G.</b>	<b>Carpets</b>	7,127.44	1,178.30	8,317.97	1,360.82	15%	6,684.36	1,099.58	7,042.86	1,086.89	-0.01%
	Carpets (excluding silk) handmade	7111.73	1175.73	8301.53	1358.13		6672.78	1097.68	7031.90	1085.19	
	Silk carpets	15.71	2.57	16.44	2.69		11.58	1.90	10.96	1.70	
<b>H.</b>	<b>Jute</b>	2428.44	400.39	2228.76	364.79	-9%	1640.91	270.12	2372.66	365.13	0.35%
	Floor covering of jute	384.75	63.60	522.63	85.61		391.69	64.56	337.22	52.09	
	Other jute manufactures	927.17	152.82	685.93	112.39		552.18	90.87	1325.61	203.42	
	Jute Raw	113.35	18.81	119.20	19.41		84.59	13.85	49.45	7.66	

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	Jute yam	143.58	23.46	139.12	22.70		93.44	15.37	100.11	15.60	
	Jute hessian	859.59	141.70	761.88	124.68		519.01	85.47	560.27	86.36	
<b>I.</b>	<b>Coir and Coir Manufacturers</b>	1396.64	229.85	1742.35	285.06	24%	1058.54	174.28	1120.55	173.19	-1%
Sum of Total Textile and Clothing A to I		224236.76	36967.56	227139.18	37137.33	0.004%	165821.35	27285.09	173795.83	26830.43	-0.02%
<b>J.</b>	<b>Handicrafts (Excl. Handmade Crpts)</b>	9129.65	1499.45	8414.35	1376.02	-8%	6346.53	1043.79	7926.03	1221.38	17%
Sum of A to J	<b>Total T&amp;C including Handicrafts</b>	233366.41	38467.01	235553.53	38513.35	0.001%	172167.88	28328.88	181721.86	28051.81	-0.01%
<b>K.</b>	<b>% Textile Exports</b>	21.60%	21.22%	20.98%	20.71%		15.34%	15.23%	14.27%	14.26%	
<b>L.</b>	<b>India's overall exports</b>	1080203.41	181234.98	1122499.75	185970.07		1122499.75	185970.07	1273734.34	196679.50	

Source: Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries), DGCI&S.

**Statement-II***Details of Exports of Handicrafts from India*

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Table 1: *Exports of Handicrafts from India during 2015-16 (April- December) in comparison to 2014-15 (April- December)*

Description	Apr.- Dec.		% change	Apr.- Dec.		% change
	(In ₹ Crores)	2014-15		(In US\$ Million)	2014-15	
Artmetal wares	3,724	3,943	6%	613	609	-1%
Woodwares	2,333	2,564	10%	384	396	3%
Handprinted textiles and scaraves	591	699	18%	97	108	11%
Embroidered and crocheted goods	1,795	1,933	8%	295	298	1%
Shawls as artwares	8	11	31%	1	2	23%
Zari and zari goods	0.4	0.7	67%	0.1	0.1	67%
Immitation jewellery	1,403	1,599	14%	231	247	7%
Misc.Handicrafts	3,605	4,033	12%	593	622	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,460</b>	<b>14,782</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>3%</b>

Source: EPCH

**Price deficiency payment system to safeguard interests of cotton growers**

1115. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed a Price Deficiency Payment System as an alternative to MSP, to promote cotton, to be started on pilot basis in Wardha district of Maharashtra, if so, details thereof;