

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2521
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st JULY, 2017

LEATHER EXPORTS

**2521. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- whether the leather export from the country has increased in recent years and if so, the details of leather export in terms of rupees during the last three years and the current year;
- the names of the first top five leather exports countries during the said period;
- whether the Government has any plan to increase leather exports in the next two years and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;
- the number of people employed directly in the leather industry along with the value of leather exports to India; and
- whether the Government has put in place any alternate employment measures to safeguard the people employed in the leather industry who have been affected by the ban on trade of cattle for slaughter and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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

(a) No Madam. The export value of leather, leather products & footwear during last 3 years and current year (in million rupee) terms is as follows:

(Figures in million rupees)

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (April-May, 2017) (P)
397118.71	383321.67	380024.07	58851.86

P- Provisional

(b) Year-wise ranking of leather exporting countries:

Rank	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	China	China	China
2	Italy	Italy	Italy
3	Vietnam	Vietnam	Vietnam
4	Hong Kong, China	France	France
5	France	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China

(Source:Council for Leather Exports(CLE))

(c) Yes, Madam. Steps have been taken for quality up-gradation of leather products to improve competitiveness in international markets. Also, the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme(MEIS), Interest Equalisation Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG), Market Access Initiative Scheme (MAI) and Duty Free Import Scheme (DFIS) have provisions to boost exports of leather and leather products.

(d) The number of people employed directly in the leather industry is estimated at 3.09 million. The value of exports of leather and leather products to India during 2016-17 was USD 1215.52 million (Source: CLE).

(e) Does not arise.
