LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1843 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2015

EXPORT OF CARPETS

1843. SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of carpets exported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the export of carpets have registered a decline in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to assist the carpet industry in the country?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Exports of Handmade Carpets & Other Floor coverings for the last three years are as under:-

| <u>Year</u> | Export figures (in Rs. Crores) |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2012-13 | Rs.5877.30 Crores |
| 2013-14 | Rs.7110.42 Crores |
| 2014-15 | Rs.8441.95 Crores |
| 2015-16 | Rs.6641.23 Crores (Provisional) |
| (April-November) | |

The State/UT wise export statistics is not maintained.

- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): The steps taken by the Government for promoting the export of the Carpet industry of the country in the international market as follows:-
 - 1. 5% Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) Scrip on exports of Hand Made Carpets and other Floor Coverings under MEIS.
 - 2. 3% Interest Equalization Scheme on Pre-Shipment & Post Shipment Credit.
 - 3. Market Development Assistance (MDA) Grant and Market Access Initiative (MAI) Assistance for participation in Fairs & Exhibitions/Reverse/Buyer-Seller Meet in India & abroad.
 - 4. Assistance from O/o the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) fund for marketing study, branding, participation in Fairs & Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meet in India & abroad etc. through Marketing and other Scheme.
 - 5. Setting up of Mega Clusters in Bhadohi-MirZapur & Srinagar for increasing manufacturing and exports.
 - 6. Providing Skill Development Training for Carpets weaving.
 - 7. Providing financial assistance for running Carpet Weaving Training Centres in Bhadohi-Varanasi-Mirzapur areas for creating new Artisans/ Weavers with stipend.
 - The Excise & Customs Duties paid for importing inputs are refunded through Duty Drawback channel.
