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Title: Regarding according administrative sanction to provide amenities and infrastructure to handicraft workers -laid.

DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI (ANAKAPALLE) : Etikoppaka is a village in my Anakapalli parliament Constituency and mentioned recently by Hon'ble Prime Minister in his "Mann ki Baat Programme". There are almost 150 families in the art of manufacturing handicrafts with soft wood since 15th century. There is a dire need to strengthen in all aspects their economic development and protect their traditional heritage and also provide platform to expose their skills by holding trade fair and enhance pilgrim tourism and eco tourism so that their skills will be exposed at national and international levels. It is, therefore, urged upon the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Govt. of India to accord administrative sanction for Rs. 20.0 Crs. in order to provide amenities and infrastructure to fulfil the above requirements so as to strengthen the diminishing glory of the traditional Indian cultural heritage.