

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up a crafts museum in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government have studied the potential of artisans and handicraft workers for exports in the State; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to enhance the exports of handicrafts from Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. However as per census conducted under the aegis of National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) during the year 1995-96, there are 121880 artisans in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Moreover, the crafts of Andhra Pradesh particularly brassware, bidriware, embroidered goods, silver filigree, wood work, carpet and Jewellery are in demand in the international market.

The steps taken by the Government to enhance the exports of handicrafts from the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh include: sponsoring of sales-cum-study teams abroad; participation in international fairs and exhibitions; organisation of buyer-seller's meets; overseas publicity and publication of catalogues; conducting of seminars and workshop and holding of Indian International Gift Fair and Indian Carpet Expo as an annual feature.