

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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HANDICRAFTS WEEK CELEBRATION

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government was involved in the 47th All India Handicrafts Week celebrated from December 8 to 15, in order to create awareness about handicrafts in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, whether the annual national crafts mela was held in Bangalore from 28th December, 2001;
- (c) whether the Union government also organised a one-day workshop for artisans on December 12, 2001;
- (d) if so, whether the workshop was providing training, marketing availability of raw material, credit facilities, design development, improvement in tools, publicity, export promotion, welfare schemes and others; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which it has achieved success?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir. A Handicrafts Expo, 2001 was organised in Bangalore from 28.12.2001 to 6.1.2002.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. The one day workshop was conducted on 12.12.2001 wherein experts from the fields of marketing, design and technology, financial institutions etc. were invited and had direct interaction with the handicrafts artisans.

The workshop has generated interest about product development & product diversification. It has also increased the general level of awareness about the schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts particularly relating to the Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) in the State of Karnataka.