

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO HANDICRAFTS CORPORATION OF BIHAR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to Handicraft Corporation and other organisations in the State of Bihar for development of handicrafts during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government also propose to provide special relief to craftsmen in Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

(a): The details of the financial assistance released by the Union government to various organisations including State Handicrafts corporation in the State of Bihar under various schemes of the Government for promotion & development of handicrafts during the last three years is as under:-

S.No.	Year	Amount Released
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1.	1999-2000	Rs.66.55 lakhs
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2.	2000-2001	Rs.15.73 lakhs
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3.	2001-2002	Rs.82.31 lakhs
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(b) & (c): No, Sir. However the craftsmen in the country including in the State of Bihar get relief/benefit from the various schemes being implemented for promotion & development of handicrafts. The schemes include: AHVY, training & extension, design & technical upgradation, marketing support & services, research & development, financial assistance to state handicrafts development corporation/ apex societies and export promotion etc. Recently launched `Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana` (AHVY) seeks to develop selected artisans clusters into professionally managed self-reliant community enterprises working on the principle of effective member participation and mutual cooperation and aims to achieve sustainable development of the artisan clusters.