

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:479

ANSWERED ON:08.05.2007

HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HANDICRAFT ARTISANS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a health insurance scheme for handicraft artisans;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and
- (c) the number of artisans likely to be benefited by this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.479 FOR ANSWER ON 8.5.2007

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, the Ministry has launched the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana for health insurance of handicraft artisans. The salient features of the scheme include health care facilities up to an annual limit of Rs.15,000/- to artisanal family comprising self, spouse and two children; insurance cover of Rs.1.00 lakh for the insured artisan in case of accidental death/disability. The scheme also covers treatment under Ayurvedic / Unani / Homeopathic / Siddha; pre- hospitalization & post hospitalization and cashless facilities including OPD in the network hospitals of the implementing agency.

(c) : At the time of launch of the scheme in March 2007, initially the scheme provides to benefit 50,000 artisans.