

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4898

ANSWERED ON:28.04.2008

TRAINING TO ARTISANS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has organised various training programmes for artisans, master crafts persons and designers working in the field of handicrafts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons trained during each year of Tenth Plan and thereafter till date, State-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated, released and spent thereon during the said period, State-wise;
- (e) the number of exchange programmes organised by the Government during the said period;
- (f) the details of funds allocated and utilised during the said period for the purpose;
- (g) whether the Government has prepared any concrete action plan regarding increase in capacity and skills of artisans and handicraftsmen; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Government organizes various training programmes for artisans and mastercraftspersons working in the field of handicrafts in the entire country under various schemes, which include:- Special Handicrafts Training Project(SHTP); Training to artisans through Ambedkar Hastashilp Vikas Yojna scheme(AHVY); Training to trainers under Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme and capacity building under Human Resource Development Scheme and training through Departmental Training scheme in Cane & Bamboo and Carpet Crafts etc.

(c) & (d): As funds under the schemes are not allocated State-wise, data on the same is not maintained. However, the funds are released directly to implementing agencies who implement the programmes across the country. The details of number of persons trained and funds released to various implementing agencies during each year of Tenth plan and thereafter till date is as per statement attached.

(e) & (f): Under the Craft exchange programme component of the Export Promotion Scheme, five programmes have been organized during the said period and a total of Rs.65.83 lakhs was sanctioned and Rs.62.03 lakhs was released for the purpose.

(g) & (h): Yes Sir, During the 11th Plan period a new initiative titled "Training through Established Institution" has been launched under HRD scheme to increase the capacity and skills of handicraft artisans. The existing institutions like IITs, Polytechnics etc. are eligible under this scheme. So far 7 institutions have been assigned the task of capacity building and a sum Rs.100.20 lakhs has been released during 2007-08.

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4898 to be answered on 28.4.2008 (Rs. in lakhs) Sl. Year Number of Trainees Amount No. Trained Released 1. 2002-03 6498 202.96 2. 2003-04 6623 331.85 3. 2004-05 10935 554.40 4. 2005-06 17629 798.65 5. 2006-07 12639 1061.84 6. 2007-08 11566 1034.91 7 2008-09 - - (till date)
Total: 65890 3984.61