

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDICRAFT SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the number of workers of Handloom and Handicraft sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the schemes and aspects kept in mind at the time of preparing development schemes for the artisans;
- (d) whether there are shortcomings in implementation of these schemes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (f) whether the Government has any proposal for the establishment of training centres for handicraft artisans/workers; and
- (g) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

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

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.76 for answer on 4.3.2005.

(a) & b): Yes, sir. The census of handicraft artisans on all India basis was conducted in the year 1995-96 through National Council for Applied Economic Research & as per their report, the total employment in the handicrafts sector was 47.61 lakhs in 1995-96. The State wise details are given at Annexure – I

Joint census of handlooms and powerlooms was also undertaken in the year 1995-96 and there were 65.51 lakh persons engaged in weaving and associated activities in handlooms sector in the country. The State-wise details are given at Annexure – II.

(c) : The schemes currently under implementation for development and promotion of handicraft sector include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthshilp Vikas Yojana ; Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research and Development; Bima Yojana & Special Handicrafts Training Project.

These schemes have been prepared keeping in view : Generation of productive employment opportunities to achieve higher standard of living of artisans individually and collectively in rural and urban craft clusters; meeting the requirement of the sector in the area of marketing, design development, training, welfare of artisans etc; increased foreign exchange earning for the country and preservation of cultural heritage through research and documentation, region/craft specific strategies and protection of crafts facing extinction.

(d) & (e): Periodic evaluation of schemes is carried out with a view to assess their outreach and impact and based on the evaluation, necessary corrective measures are taken from time to time.

(f): Training is being imparted to artisans through the existing departmental training centres and through grant-in-aid to NGOs, State Handicrafts Corporations, Apex organizations, master craftspersons etc. under Ambedkar Hasthshilp Vikas Yojana and Special Handicrafts Training Project on the basis of need based proposals within the budgetary allocation

(g): Does not arise.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.76 for answer on 4.3.2005:

State-wise Number of Handicrafts Artisans in 1995-96

State Artisans

Andhra Pradesh 121880
Arunachal Pradesh 15735
Assam 100482
Bihar 213115
Delhi 44904
Goa 1122
Gujarat 141970
Haryana 117933
Himachal Pradesh 49015
Jammu & Kashmir 542119
Kerala 15258
Karnataka 21779
Madhya Pradesh 51123
Maharashtra 112816
Manipur 379988
Meghalaya 53564
Mizoram 5260
Nagaland 79878
Orissa 69356
Punjab 101907
Rajasthan 407700
Sikkim 9768
Tamilnadu 125342
Tripura 244495
Uttar Pradesh 1176529
West Bengal 554281

UNION TERRITORIES -

Andaman & Nicobar 1090
Chandigarh 430
Dadra & Nagar Haveli 111
Daman & Diu 278
Lakshadweep 126
Pondicherry 1832
All India 4761186

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.76 for answer on 4.3.2005:

State-wise details of number of persons engaged in weaving and associated activities

Sl.No. Name of the State No.of persons engaged in Weaving
and associated Activities

1 Andhra Pradesh 490616
2 Arunachal Pradesh 53473
3 Assam 2322268
4 Bihar 110732
5 Chattisgarh 28362
6 Delhi 6708
7 Goa 25
8 Gujarat 57936
9 Haryana 22810
10 Himachal Pradesh 65099
11 Jammu & Kashmir 51847
12 Jharkhand 56975
13 Karnataka 177562
14 Kerala 63153
15 Madhya Pradesh 27744
16 Maharastra 80901
17 Manipur 462087
18 Meghalya #
19 Mizoram #
20 Nagaland 126228

21 Orissa 246782
22 Pondicherry 7369
23 Punjab 13160
24 Rajasthan 71915
25 Sikkim 1228
26 Tamil Nadu 607675
27 Tripura 291761
28 Uttar Pradesh 401362
29 Uttaraanchal 19322
30 West Bengal 686254

TOTAL 6551354

Data not received from Meghalaya and Mizoram