

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDICRAFT SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether government has reviewed handicraft schemes being run in the country specially in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the lapses identified by the government and the lapses found on the part of Government officials;
- (c) the other schemes of Government to promote handicrafts;;
- (d) whether the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) does not extend required cooperation in the upliftment of artisans;
and
- (e) the reaction of the government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)&(b): The schemes being implemented for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country are not state specific and are being implemented as grant-in-aid schemes through Implementing Agencies like State Handicrafts Development Corporations/Apex bodies and NGOs etc. These schemes are reviewed periodically with a view to assess their outreach and impact and based on the review, corrective measures are taken wherever required, in the form of modification/amendment of the schemes to make the delivery and outreach more effective. During the course of implementation if any such lapse comes to notice, necessary action is taken as per rules.

(c): The schemes currently in operation to promote handicrafts in the country include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research and Development; Bima Yojana & Special Handicrafts Training Project.

(d): The Government provides full cooperation and support for upliftment of artisans.

(e): Does not arise.