

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1193  
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ASSISTANCE TO HANDICRAFTS ORGANISATIONS  
Chitthan Shri N.S.V.

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Handicrafts Development Corporation of several States have sought assistance for the implementation of various schemes relating to promotion of handicrafts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of such proposals received from the State Governments/State Corporations/ Apex Societies and voluntary organizations and the amount allocated and utilised during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The State Handicrafts Development Corporations from the State of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, Orissa, Bihar & Rajasthan have sought assistance for implementation of various schemes namely Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme; Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Research and Development; Marketing & Support; Human Resource Development relating to promotion & development of handicrafts during the current financial year.

(c): The schemes of the Government for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country do not envisage any direct assistance to the State Government and accordingly State-wise funds are not allocated. However, the number of proposals sanctioned and funds released to various Implementing Agencies like State Handicrafts Development Corporations, Apex Societies and voluntary organizations etc. and utilized for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country during each of the last three years and current year, state-wise, is as per Annexure attached.