

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2304

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TRADE FAIR FOR HANDICRAFT ITEM

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

(a) whether in order to provide impetus to exports of handicraft items, the State Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government for organizing International Trade Fair annually; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal, inter-alia indicating the time-frame within it would be agreed to and a decision conveyed to the State Government?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): Ministry of Commerce has reported that a proposal of Government of Orissa for organizing International Trade Fairs at Bhubaneswar, Orissa and participation in International Fairs abroad under Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme for 3 years was considered by the Department of Commerce. The proposal for organizing International Trade Fair at Bhubaneswar and participation in two international trade fairs abroad during the 1st year (2009-10) has been approved with MAI assistance of 63.80 lakhs. The 1st installment of Rs.25.52 lakhs being 40% of the approved grant has already been released to the Government of Orissa.