

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SHILP GRAM
Sarvey Shri Sathanarayana

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting the concept of Shilp Gram, to provide encouragement to handicraft sector in some States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated and spent for setting up Shilp Gram in each State especially in Andhra Pradesh since the inception of this concept?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): On the concept of Shilp Gram and under one of the component of Marketing Support Services Scheme, there is a scheme to set up Urban Haat. The scheme for setting up of Urban Haats was introduced in 1997-98 at prime locations in the Metro Cities & Bigger Towns with the view to create a permanent Marketing platform for the artisans/ weavers. The participating craft persons / weavers will sell handicrafts/ handlooms products directly to the customers. This will provide adequate direct marketing facilities to the craft persons /weavers and eliminate middle men.

(c): The funds allocated and spent in various parts of the country including Andhra Pradesh is as per Annexure Attached.