

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDICRAFTS SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing schemes of the Government for the development of the handicrafts sector;
- (b) whether artisans are compelled to give up their skills due to challenging environment prevailing globally; and
- (c) if so, the measures initiated by the Government to improve the skills of the artisans to meet the said challenges?

Answer

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

(a): The ongoing schemes of the Government for the promotion and development of handicrafts sector in the country include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters; handicraft Artisans Comprehensive welfare Scheme; Marketing Support & Services Scheme; Design & Technology Up gradation Scheme, Human Resource Development Scheme and Research & Development Scheme.

(b): No, such instance has been reported.

(c): Does not arise.