

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:149

ANSWERED ON:01.08.2011

PROMOTION OF CRAFTSMEN

Dashmuni Deepa ;Jaiswal Shri Gorakh Prasad ;Laguri Shri Yashbant Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and the details of schemes that are being operated to promote Indian Craftsmen in international market;
- (b) whether the Government has identified any slow down of craft works in the country including West Bengal;
- (c) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Under the component of the Marketing Support & Service Scheme (International Marketing), Craft persons are deputed abroad for participation in International fairs and exhibitions. They also participate in Cultural Exchange Programmes organized by the Indian Embassies & other Government, departments abroad.

(b): No instance of slow down of craft work in the country including in the state of West Bengal has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (b) above.