

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR ARTISANS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of any customised skill development/training programmes our artisans and craftsmen are unable to compete with the more skilled/trained artisans of other countries;

(b) whether some skill development/training programmes have been undertaken/initiated by the National Centre for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) and Export Promotion Council for Handicraft (EPCH) for the artisans in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years, yearwise and State-wise and number of beneficiaries including women who benefited from such programmes during the said period;

(d) whether the Government provides financial help to Non-Governmental Organisations/Self Help Groups engaged in the handicrafts sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the present status of the Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Yojana started in the year 2007 for welfare of the artisans in the country and the total number of artisans covered and actually benefited under the scheme; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to help the handicraft sector in the country?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): The organization-wise and State-wise funds are not allocated by the Government in the handicrafts sector. However, the details of funds sanctioned to National Centre for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) during the last three years under one of the component of Human Resource & Development (HRD) scheme i.e. capacity building training programmes for skill development of artisans is as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Amount sanctioned
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1.	2008-09	Nil
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2.	2009-10	RS.4.00 Crores
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3.	2010-11	Rs.6.00 Crores
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Further, the details of beneficiaries including women during 2009-10 and 2010-11, State-wise, is as per Annexure.

No financial assistance have been provided to Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) under the above component of HRD during the last three years.

(d) & (e): The Government provide financial assistance to NGO's and other Implementing Agencies viz Central/State Handicrafts Corporations/Apex Societies etc., for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country under the scheme of (i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected Craft Clusters; (ii) Design and Technological Upgradation; (iii) Marketing Support & Services; (iv) Research and Development; (v) Human Resource Development and (vi) Comprehensive Welfare Scheme for Handicrafts Artisans.

(f): Since 2007, 28,94,814 artisans have been covered and 52,99,264 artisan's families members have benefited under Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana (RGSSBY).

(g): The Government helps the handicraft sector by way of implementation of six generic Schemes viz. (i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); (ii) Design and Technological Upgradation; (iii) Marketing Support & Services; (iv) Research and Development; (v) Human Resource Development and (vi) Comprehensive Welfare Scheme for Handicrafts Artisans.