

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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MARKETING AND SERVICE EXTENSION CENTRES

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a few marketing and service extension centres for handicrafts throughout the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of marketing and service extension centres presently being run under the office of Development Commissioner, Handicrafts in the country;
- (c) the details of assistance provided by the Government to Handicrafts Development Corporation in respect of various schemes relating to promotion of handicrafts;
- (d) the details of schemes for the promotion of handicrafts particularly for Scheduled Castes people in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to promote traditional handicrafts industries in the country including Gujarat?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): 62 number of Marketing and Service Extension Centres are being run under the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) in various parts of the country.

(c): A sum of Rs.8.32 crores have been released to various Handicrafts Development Corporation during 2011-12 so far under the scheme of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana, Marketing Support & Services Scheme, Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme, Human Resource Development Scheme & Research & Development Scheme.

(d) & (e): The schemes for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country including in the State of Gujarat for benefit of artisans including a sizable number of scheduled Caste artisans are Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters; Marketing Support & Services; Design & Technology Upgradation; Research & Development; Human Resource Development and Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.