

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:172
ANSWERED ON:26.03.2012
PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS
Punia Shri P.L.

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment/survey was conducted to ascertain the conditions of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) weavers/artisans engaged in the handicraft trade;
- (b): if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective action taken thereon;
- (c) the details of the schemes under implementation for the welfare and promotion of SC community, handicraft artisans/workers etc,; and
- (d) the number of beneficiaries of the said schemes during the last three years and the current year. State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 172 FOR ANSWER ON 26.03.2012 BY SHRI P. L. PUNIA REGARDING PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS.

(a) & (b): No such survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Textiles.

(c): The schemes implemented by the Government are composite in nature and not gender, caste or area specific. The Government has been implementing following six schemes for the promotion and development of Handicraft sector and for the welfare of handicraft artisans/workers including those belonging to SC community on All India basis.

i. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.

ii. Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme.

iii. Marketing Support Services Scheme.

iv. Research & Development Scheme.

v. Human Resource Development Scheme.

vi. Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

(d): The number of artisans benefitted under the ongoing developmental schemes from various categories including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are enclosed at Annexure for the last three years and the current year State-wise.