

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for development of traditional handicrafts industry in the country along with the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose and the number of artisans benefited through various schemes, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote crafts bazaars particularly for women;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make preference for eco-friendly products made out of different raw materials such as wood, cane and bamboo and textiles made of natural fibres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/spent during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): The schemes being implemented for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country including traditional handicrafts include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Design and Technology Upgradation (DTU); Marketing Support and Services (MSS); Human Resource Development (HRD); Research and Development (R&D); and Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

The funds allocated and utilized for the above schemes during 2011-12 are as under:-

(Rs. In crores)

Scheme	Fund allocated	Expenditure
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Design & Technological Upgradation	20.77	19.46
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Comprehensive Welfare Scheme	51.50	34.72
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Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Yojana	55.00	53.81
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Marketing Support & Services	62.00	54.14
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Research & Development	7.05	5.35
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Human Resource Development	17.75	16.93
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Total:- 214.07 184.41

The number of artisans benefitted through various scheme, State-wise, during 2011-12 is as per Annexure attached

(b): Under Marketing Support & Services Scheme, craft bazars are organized in various parts of the country to provide direct marketing platform to the handicrafts artisans and a sizable number of womens artisans participates in these craft bazars.

(c): As of now, there is no proposal for preference for any specific raw material based products. However the existing policy or programmes being implemented in the handicrafts sector cover all raw material based product including products made of wood, cane & bamboo and textiles handicrafts products made of natural fiber.

(d): Does not arise.