

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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UPLIFTMENT OF HANDICRAFTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government for the welfare and upliftment of handicrafts and artisans in the country during the last three years and the current year, Scheme/State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has made any comprehensive scheme for the development of handicrafts; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing the following seven schemes for development, welfare and upliftment of handicrafts and artisans in the country. The schemes are:-

- (i) Baba Sahib 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: and
- (vii) Infrastructure & Technology Development Scheme.

The details of financial assistance released under these Schemes, State wise during the last three years and the current year is as per Annexure attached.