

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HANDLOOM HANDICRAFT

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the concessions/incentives/schemes being provided by the Government for promotion of export of handicraft items along with details of some new schemes likely to be introduced to promote handicrafts/artisans in the country;
- (b) whether the import of handloom/handicrafts products is more than their export and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to make up this imbalance;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start handicraft industry in rural areas of the country as well as abroad and has conducted any survey in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend the package to artisans as given to handloom weavers in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (e) The number of monitoring centres set up for optimum utilisation/misuse of the funds allocated to handicraft industry/artisans under various schemes formulated by the Government in the country, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): A scheme named Marketing Support & Services Scheme is being implemented by the Government with International Marketing as one of the component for promotion of export of handicrafts.

The concession/incentives being provided by the Government for export of handicrafts are as under:-

138 number of handicrafts items have been included in the focused product scheme wherein a duty credit scrip benefit of 7%, 5% and 2% of FOB value of exports is available on different handicrafts items.

In order to provide incentives for exports to the focus markets a duty credit scrip benefit of 3% is available for exports to focus markets and 4% to special focus markets.

Inclusion of important handicrafts clusters namely Jodhpur, Jaipur, Srinagar, Anantnag, Barmer, Firozabad, Agartala and Saharanpur as a Town of Export Excellence for Handicrafts.

An interest subvention of 3% has been given to handicrafts sector till 32nd March, 2014.

A new scheme titled 'Infrastructure & Technology Development has been introduced for implementation during the 12th Plan period.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): The schemes being implemented by the Government for promotion & development of handicrafts already cater to the vast rural area of the country as well as for its export abroad.

(d): No, Madam. No detailed proposal has been received.

(e): No such exclusive monitoring centres have been set up by the Government. However the implementation of schemes are being monitored by various field offices spread over the country to ensure that the funds sanctioned under various schemes are properly utilized and there is no misuse of funds. The number of such field offices, State-wise, is as per Annexure attached.