

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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WORKING GROUP ON TEXTILES AND JUTE

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the working group on Textiles and Jute for the 12th Five Year Plan has projected a growth of employment in the handicraft sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of artisans employed so far in the textiles and jute sector;
- (c) whether the Government has submitted the projection of employment growth in the handicraft sector to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the approach paper of the 13th Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the projected growth of employment in the sector; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the projected growth of employment during the remaining period of the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The working group on textiles and jute for the 12th plan has projected an incremental increase of 1.10 million in human resource requirement in handicraft sector from the year 2012 to year 2017.
As per the data available, at present, based on the existing census undertaken so far the number of handicrafts artisans have been estimated at 68.86 lakhs including those in the textiles and Jute sector.

(c) No Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): To achieve the projected growth of employment during the remaining period of 12th Plan, Government has been implementing the following schemes for the promotion and development of Handicraft sector:-

1. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana. 2. Marketing Handicraft Artisans. 3. Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme 4. Human Resource Development 5. Research & Development Scheme. 6. Comprehensive Handicrafts artisans Welfare Scheme. 7. Infrastructure and Technology Development.