

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3001

ANSWERED ON:10.02.2014

IDENTITY CARDS TO HANDLOOM HANDICRAFT WORKERS

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the existing number of handicraft artisans and handloom weavers in the country, State-wise along with the steps taken by the Government to train them;
- (b) whether certain cases regarding persons holding fake identity cards of handicraft artisans/handloom weavers and enjoying the benefits of the various welfare schemes formulated by the Government such as allotment of stalls in various Haats, etc. have been reported to the Government;
- (c) if so, the number of such cases identified along with the action taken by the Government against erring officials/ traders and inquiry conducted against such beneficiaries;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the reasons for import of handloom/handicraft items from various countries including China during the last two years; and
- (e) if so, the assessment made by the Government in this regard and follow-up action taken in favour of the said sectors?

**Answer**

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

(a): State-wise number of artisans, as per 1995-96 census is as per Annexure-I. However based on enumeration undertaken till now, the number of handicrafts artisans in the country during 2011-12 is estimated to be 68.86 lakhs.

The number of handloom weavers as per All India Handloom Census (2009-10), State-wise, is as per Annexure-II.

The Government is implementing the Schemes of Human Resource Development and Design and Technology Upgradation under which Handicraft artisans are being provided training.

For handloom weavers training is provided under Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS), now comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme (CHDS) and Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS).

(b) & (c): Two societies viz., M/s Ujala Hathkargha Silk Coop. Society Ltd., Mau, and M/s Raj Kargha Silk Coop. Society Ltd., Azamgarh and one person Shri Shakil Ahmad s/o Shri Mohd.Yasin from Mirzapur were black listed in September, 2013 for two years, for using fake identity cards for participation in Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.

**ANNEXURE-I**

Annexure-I referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3001 for answer on 10.02.2014.

Figures in numbers		
Sl.No.	States/Unions	Artisans
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,21,880
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	15,735
3.	Assam	1,00,482
4.	Bihar	2,13,115
5.	Delhi	44,904
6.	Goa	1,122
7.	Gujarat	1,41,970
8.	Haryana	1,17,933
9.	J&K	5,42,119
10.	Himachal Pradesh	49,015
11.	Karnataka	21,779
12.	Kerala	15,258
13.	Madhya Pradesh	51,123

14. Maharashtra	1,12,816
15. Manipur	3,79,988
16. Meghalaya	53,564
17. Mizoram	5,260
18. Nagaland	79,878
19. Orissa	69,356
20. Punjab	1,01,907
21. Rajasthan	4,07,700
22. Sikkim	9,768
23. Tamil Nadu	1,25,342
24. Tripura	2,44,495
25. Uttar Pradesh	1,176,529
26. West Bengal	5,54,281
UNION TERRITORY	
27 Andaman & Nicobar	1,090
28 Chandigarh	430
29 D. & Nagar Havel	111
30 Daman & Diu	278
31 Lakshadweep	126
32 Pondecherry	1,832
All India	4,761,186

#### Annexure-II

Annexure-II referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3001 for answer on 10.02.2014.  
State-wise of total handloom and allied workers

Sr. No.	State Name	Nos. of Total workers (2009-10)
1	Andhra Pradesh	355838
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33041
3	Assam	1643453
4	Bihar	43392
5	Chhattisgarh	8191
6	Delhi	2738
7	Gujarat	11009
8	Haryana	7967
9	Himachal Pradesh	13458
10	Jammu and Kashmir	33209
11	Jharkhand	21160
12	Karnataka	89256
13	Kerala	14679
14	Madhya Pradesh	14761
15	Maharashtra	3418
16	Manipur	218753
17	Meghalaya	13612
18	Mizoram	43528
19	Nagaland	66490
20	Orissa	114106
21	Pondicherry	2803
22	Punjab	2636
23	Rajasthan	31958
24	Sikkim	568
25	Tamil Nadu	352321
26	Tripura	137177
27	Uttar Pradesh	257783
28	Uttarakhand	15468
29	West Bengal	779103
	Total	4,331,876