

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HANDICRAFT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to make the handicraft sector competitive in the international market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to set up research centres for the development of handicraft market; and
- (d) if so, the places selected for setting up the research centres and the time by which the said centres are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRISANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Government is implementing following schemes for promotion of handicrafts, including making the sector competitive in international market:-

- (i) Baba Saheb Hastshilp Vikas Yojana
- (ii) Design and technology upgradation scheme
- (iii) Marketing support and services scheme
- (iv) Research and development scheme
- (v) Human and resource development scheme
- (vi) Handicrafts artisans comprehensive welfare scheme
- (vii) Infrastructure and technology development scheme

(c) & (d): The Government proposes to set up a Hastkala Academy at New Delhi to support preservation, revival, archiving and documenting of the handlooms and handi- crafts. The academy will also undertake the work relating to research and development.