

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CRAFT CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that Channapatna is a Crafts Cluster and thousands of traditional artisans engaged in the production of lacquerware;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to provide advanced training to them with state-of-the- art technology; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Around 1500 artisans have been trained through the Departmental Training Centres of office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) at Daira, Yeleki, Syedwadi & Honganur in Channapatna. Also the work of setting up of two Common Facility Centres at Channapatna with modern machinery for use by artisans in the production of lacquerware is in progress. Once the Common Facility Centres are fully functional, more advanced training programmes will be organised.