GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TEXTILES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1828 ANSWERED ON:05.03.2015 STALLS OF ARTISANS IN EXHIBITIONS Girri Shri Maheish

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for selecting the artisans for putting stalls in exhibitions organized by the Government in the country;
- (b) the number of artisans benefited from the display/exhibition of their products during each of the last three years and the current year:
- (c) whether the Government maintain data on the amount of sales of these beneficiaries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has a plan to promote/encourage/spread awareness to people from different parts of the country to come and display their arts/products and take benefit from these schemes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The artisans holding valid artisans Identity Cards are selected for participating in various exhibition/melas throughout the country. In case of National Level Melas like Master Creation, Surajkund Mela etc. preference is given to Shilpgurus, National Awardees, National Merit Certificate holders and State Awardees.
- (b): The artisan beneficiaries during the last three years and current year i.e. 2014-15 is as below:-

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2011-12 - 41415
2012-13 - 38862
2013-14 - 39653
2014-15 - 9672
(upto
January,
2015)
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- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): Sales of beneficiaries during the last three years and current year i.e. 2014-15 is given below (as collected from the artisans).

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2011-12 - 239.01 crores
2012-13 - 196.11 crores
2013-14 - 309.54 crores
2014-15 - 114.54 crores
(upto
Jan.,
2015)
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(e) & (f): Yes, Madam. The Government has plan to promote/encourage/spread awareness amongst artisans in different parts of the country to display their arts/products and take benefits from these scheme through news paper advertisement and organization of Local level State level and National Level workshops organized from time to time.