

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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URBAN HAATS  
Singh Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan

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

- (a) the number of Urban Haats that have been sanctioned across the country including the number of stalls in each Haat and their respective occupancy, State-wise;
- (b) the details of sales and profits derived therefrom annually and if not, the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether these Haats have been successful in achieving their objective;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps being undertaken to revive promote and develop handloom and handicraft sector in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The number of Urban Haats that have been sanctioned (excluding those which have been cancelled) across the country including the number of stalls in each Haat is placed at Annexure. They are run and managed by the implementing agencies of the different State Government. No data regarding occupancy, sales and profits derived therefrom is maintained by the Government. However, these haats have provided a direct marketing platform to artisans and weavers all over the country, enabling them to sell their products round the year to a wider target audience.

(e): For development & promotion of handloom sector in the country the following four schemes are being implemented:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme - two components:
  - (i) Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme.
  - (ii) Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package for handloom sector.
2. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme - two components:
  - (i) Health Insurance Scheme for access to health care facilities.
  - (ii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana for life insurance.
3. Yarn Supply Scheme.
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.

For development and promotion of handicrafts sector in the country, the following seven (07) schemes are being implemented:-

- (i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar 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.