

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF RESEARCH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open a research centre for development of handicraft market in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the places identified for opening research centres including the time by which these centres are likely to be opened; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government for making the handicrafts competitive in the international market?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government has initiated a proposal for establishment of a Hastkala Academy at New Delhi in which research work on development of handicrafts will be undertaken.

(b): The EFC has discussed the project at a cost of Rs.30.00 crores in its meeting on 13.02.2015. The draft minutes of the meeting are under submission.

(c): The Government has been implementing the following seven generic schemes for making the handicraft competitive in the International Market:-

- (i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY)
- (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 for Handicrafts Artisans and
- (vii) Infrastructure and technology development scheme