

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any step to promote handicrafts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that a large number of handicraft industries have been closed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to revive the handicraft Industries particularly the closed units in the country; and
- (f) the time by which these industries are likely to be reopened for production?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, This office has been implementing following schemes for the promotion and development of Handicraft sector/artisans on all India basis:-

1. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY).
2. Marketing Support & Services Scheme
3. Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme
4. Human Resource Development Scheme
5. Research & Development Scheme.
6. Handicrafts artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.
- 7 Infrastructure and Technology Development Scheme.

(c) to (f): No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.