

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CENSUS OF HANDICRAFT ARTISANS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided or proposes to provide financial support to Odisha for conducting census of handicraft artisans;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for allocation of such assistance;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open regional offices of Handloom in Odisha; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these offices are likely to become operational?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government has engaged reputed agencies for conducting census of handicrafts artisans throughout country including Odisha. No separate financial support has been given to Odisha for conducting census of handicrafts artisans.

(c) & (d): Government do not proposes to open regional office of Handloom in Odisha. Presently, a Weavers Service Centre at Bhubneshwar and an Indian Institute of Handloom Technology at Bargarh are functioning under the Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles.