

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL POLICY FOR HANDICRAFTS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any National Policy for handicraft sector, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing schemes for the promotion and development of handicraft sector and to have plans for women em- ployers in this sector with a view to provide social and financial assistance to them; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. The Government proposes to formulate a new National Textile Policy, which will also cover handicrafts sector.  
(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The Government implement following seven generic schemes for the promotion and development of Handicraft sector, including women:-

- i. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.
- ii. Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme.
- iii. Marketing Support Services Scheme.
- iv. Research & Development Scheme.
- v. Human Resource Development Scheme.
- vi. Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.
- vii. Infrastructure Technological Development Scheme.

These schemes are gender neutral and benefits are available equally to women also.