

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6788  
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SETTING UP OF HASTAKALA ACADEMY  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Hastakala Academy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of estimated cost, proposed functions and the locations identified for setting up of the same;
- (c) the time by which the said Academy is likely to be set up;
- (d) whether it is also proposed to set up its centres in various States in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The project has been proposed at an estimated cost of Rs.30.00 crore. The details of proposed functions and location are as under:-

Proposed functions

- i] Awareness/appreciation/education.
- ii] Preservation of heritage including museum collections.
- [ii[i] Reviving of languishing crafts.
- [iv] Research and technological upgradation.
- [v] Documentation and archiving
- [vi] Linking crafts and handlooms with tourism.
- [vii] Sharing best practices
- [viii] Facilitating skill development
- [ix] Recognizing excellence

Location  
New Delhi.

(c): The Academy will be operationalized immediately after its approval in current financial year.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Hastkala Academy is proposed to be set up as a National Academy.