

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Trade Facilitation Centre and Crafts Museum
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Trade Facilitation Centre and Crafts Museum in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the details of criteria fixed for setting up of such Centre and Museum in the country; and
- (d) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred, funds allocated and so far released for the said purpose and the time by which such Centre and Museum is likely to start functioning?

Answer

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

(a) & (d) Yes, Madam. The Scheme for setting up TFC & CM at Varanasi has been approved in January, 2015 with an estimated project cost of Rs. 200 crores. The duration of completion of the TFC & CM is 24 months.

The objectives of the Trade Facilitation Centre & Crafts Museum are:-

- (i) Preservation and promotion of the rich traditional crafts of the ancient city of Varanasi and neighboring regions.
- (ii) Provision of enabling environment and platform for showcasing Brand India Handlooms and handicrafts.
- (iii) Trade facilitation and provision of supply chain linkages to domestic & foreign buyers.
- (iv) Development of tourism – both domestic and international
- (v) Cultural exchange with other countries under bilateral/multi agreements.
