

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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MITHILA PAINTING
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the development/ preservation of Mithila painting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this art is important from social and economic point of view;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to open a regional unit of Handicraft and Handloom Export Corporation (HHEC) at Madhubani in Bihar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has formulated following seven schemes for the promotion and development of handicrafts including Mithila paintings of Bihar:

- I. Baba Saheb Hastshilp Vikas Yojana
- II. Design & Technical Upgradation
- III Marketing & Support Services
- IV. Human Resource Development
- V. Research & Development
- VI. Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.
- VII. Infrastructure and Technology Development Scheme

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d) & (e): There is no such proposal to open a regional unit of Handicraft and Handloom Export Corporation (HHEC) at Madhubani in Bihar.