

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS ARTISANS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the hardship being faced by the traditional handcraft artisans of the country, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to provide assistance to these artisans and to promote the handcraft items being produced by them?

Answer

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

(a): Madam, the traditional handcraft artisans of various states/UTs in general are facing hardships such as low capital, poor exposure to new technologies, absence of market intelligence and poor institutional framework.

(b): Madam, to provide assistance to these artisans and to promote the handcraft items being produced by them, the following schemes are implemented by the Government on all India basis:-

- 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