

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:760

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HANDICRAFTS SCHEMES

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) The details of schemes for the development of Handicrafts running in the country, specially in tribal/backward areas and rural areas, separately;
- (b) the amount allocated and released under these schemes to each State during each of the last three years and current year, Scheme-wise;
- (c) Whether any review has been made for the development of handicrafts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of artisans/ craftsmen benefited therefrom; and
- (f) the action proposed to be taken to solve the self-employment by encouraging handicrafts in villages/ tribal/backward areas?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): The schemes being implemented for promotion and development handicrafts including in tribal/backward areas and rural areas of the country are training for up-gradation of skill of existing craftpersons and imparting skills to new craftpersons, design and technological development; marketing and marketing development support; setting up of craft development centres and common facility service centres in identified crafts pockets, exhibition & publicity; survey/studies and social security scheme like workshed, workshed-cum-housing, group insurance etc.

(b): Amount is not allocated statewise. However the schemes of the Government envisage assistance to State Handicrafts Corporation/Apex Societies/NGOs etc.for promotion and development of handicrafts. The funds are released on the basis of viable proposals received from these agencies and their past performances. The details of funds released to these agencies, Scheme-wise during each of the last three years and current year (upto October,2000), is as per Annexure attached.

(c) & (d): The existing schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts are reviewed at the level of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and at the level of Secretary (Textiles).Schemes are also reviewed at the All India Handicrafts Board Meetings under the Chairmanship of Minister of Textiles. As a result of these reviews schemes have been modified to ensure effective implementation and for providing greater benefits to the artisans. Five schemes namely the departmental training schemes, departmental common service facility centre at Farrukabad and Ahmedabad, National Craft Institute for Handprinted Textiles Jaipur short term training programme in Business Enterprises and export management for craftsperson and National Award for outstanding societies are proposed to be phased out.

(e): The total number of artisans benefited from various scheme for promotion and development of handicrafts during the 8th Plan has been estimated at 98000 artisans. During the 9th Plan (1997-98 till date) the number of artisans benefited has been estimated at 80970.

(f): The schemes implemented to solve self-employment by encouraging handicrafts in villages/tribal/backward areas include the following.

- (i) Training for Up-gradation of skills of the existing Craft-persons and imparting skills to new Craft-persons.
- (ii) Design and Technological Development.
- (iii) Marketing and Market Development Support.
- (iv) Craft Development Centres and Common Facility Service Centres in identified crafts pockets.
- (v) Exhibition and Publicity.

(vi) Revival of Languishing Crafts and

(vii) Special Projects for Handicrafts.

#### Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.760 for answer on 23.11.2000

Sl.No. Name of the Schemes 1987-98 1998-99 99-2000 2000-2001 (upto October,2000)

1. Exhibition	247.71	291.96	220.08	152.24
2. Publicity	51.36	94.25	64.43	26.38
3. Design	61.13	162.29	201.12	5.50
4. Training	183.13	124.49	346.62	118.21
5. Marketing	296.82	307.42	160.15	123.80
6. Marketing Development Support	372.75	283.23	138.93	95.38
7 Survey and Study	65.10	47.42	47.18	38.21
8. Welfare	133.51	98.50	103.46	118.46
9. Craft Development Centre	127.25	59.01	38.41	-
10. Revival of Languishing Craft	5.12	6.23	-	-
11. UNDP	61.47	66.81	215.03	239.46
Total	1605.35	1541.61	1535.41	917.64