

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:88  
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2003  
BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR HASTSHILP VIKAS YOJANA  
RAM SHAKAL

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

- (a) Whether the Government are implementing a `Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana` (AHVY) for the development of handicrafts;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Non-Government Organisations to which the funds were released under the aforesaid scheme during the last two years; and
- (d) the manner in which funds were utilized by these organisations?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (Shri Syed Shahnawaz Hussain)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.88 FOR ANSWER 25.7.2003.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The scheme envisages a package of support to clusters of handicraft artisans and seeks to organize artisans into Self Help Groups (SHGs)/Cooperatives with a view to enabling them to take up handicraft related economic activity for sustainable development through a participatory mode.

The scheme provides for following four types of interventions:

- Social Interventions: Diagnostic Survey, formulation of Project Plan & Community Empowerment - Mobilization of Artisans.
- Technological Interventions: Assistance for training the trainers, financial assistance for development & supply/dissemination of modern improved tools, equipments, products and process technologies, assistance for Design & Technological Upgradation, Design and Technical Development Workshops, Integrated Design and Technical Development Projects, Documentation, preservation and revival of old rare and languishing craft, training for handicrafts other than carpets, training for Carpets, Common Facility Centres.
- Marketing Interventions: Organizing Exhibitions, Crafts Bazars & Setting up of Handicrafts Emporia & Publicity.
- Financial Interventions: Margin Money for Working Capital.

(c): Funds were released to 218 NGOs during the last two years under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.

(d): The funds have been utilized satisfactorily by the organizations as per the provision of the scheme.