

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:747  
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CARPET INDUSTRY  
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

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

- (a) whether the government have any scheme to assist Indian Carpet producers in design technology and other infrastructure support required;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which an individual Carpet making unit apply for assistance from such schemes;
- (d) Whether the concerned agencies are not enthruisted about extending assistance to Carpet makers in the Southern State; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government implements a number of scheme to assist craftpersons in the country including carpet weavers. The scheme include: Design and Technology Upgradation; Training & Extension; Research and development and recently launched `Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana` (AHVY) which seeks to develop selected artisans clusters into professionally managed self reliant enterprises working on the principle of effective member participation and mutual cooperation and aims to achieve sustainable development of the artisan cluster.

Besides an Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), has been established at Bhadohi with a view to provide Human Resource Development, Research and Development and Common Facility Centre services to the carpet industry. Under the UNDP assisted Carpet Project assistance has also been provided to various agencies to develop new design, development of tools, looms and equipment, promotion of natural dyes, strengthening of IICT, Bhadohi and participation in domestic/international fairs by Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) New Delhi.

(c): Financial assistance is provided to Central State handicraft corporations, COHANDS, Apex societies, NGOs registered unde society Act, trust and other organisations registered under any other statutory Acts as per the guidelines of the scheme.

(d) & (e): Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) and Indian Institute of Carpet (IICT), Bhadodhi caters to the need of Carpe Industry in the country including the Southern Region.