

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to promote handicrafts industry in the country, specially in Gujarat and tribal areas;
- (b) whether the handicraft industry has been badly affected;
- (c) if so, the schemes being formulated by the Government to promote this industry; and
- (d) the amount allocated for promotion of handicraft during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a): The measures taken by the Government to promote and develop handicrafts in the country, which also covers the state of Gujarat and tribal areas, include implementation of schemes for integrated development of craft clusters under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); design & technology upgradation; marketing & support services; export promotion, training and extension; workshed; research and development; Bimal Yojana for handicrafts artisans; Special Handicrafts Training Project (SHTP) etc.

(b): No, Sir. The progress made by the handicrafts Sector can be seen from the trend available in increase of exports of handicrafts and hand-knotted carpets since 2001-02, which is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	Years	Exports	% Growth in export
1	2001-02	9205.63	-
2	2002-03	10933.67	+ 18.77
3	2003-04	12765.18	+ 16.75
4	2004-05	15255.90	+ 19.51

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The schemes for promotion and development of handicrafts are Centre Sector Schemes and state-wise allocations are not made. However, the amount allocated for promotion and development of handicrafts in the country during the last three years is as under:-

Sl.No.	Years	Allocation
1	2002-03	88.00
2	2003-04	103.55
3	2004-05	105.00