

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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MODERNISATION OF HANDLOOM/ HANDICRAFTS SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for modernization and development of handicrafts and handloom industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated for the purpose during each of last three years; and
- (d) the details of the work undertaken in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The schemes being implemented for modernization & development of handicraft sector include Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated cluster development, Design & Technology Upgradation, Marketing & Support Services, Export Promotion, Training etc. A new component for setting up Facility Centre for Exporter & Entrepreneurs on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model has been introduced from the current financial year under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY). Besides, the scheme of Credit Guarantee, which was introduced in the year 2003-04 in the State of J&K has been extended to other parts of the country to facilitate flow of credit to the handicraft artisans without any collateral.

As far as handloom sector is concerned, the Deen Dayal Hatkargha Protshan Yojana (DDHPY) is being implemented to provide assistance for such facilities which would enable the weavers, both within the cooperative fold & outside, to take up production as per market demand. The scheme attempts to look at the needs of the weavers for working capital, basic inputs, creating awareness & attempts to support quality fabric production through appropriate design intervention etc. A new scheme titled "Integrated Handloom Cluster Scheme" has also been launched from the current financial year to provide assistance in a comprehensive and coordinated manner towards setting up of infrastructure, up-gradation of technology, supply of raw material, design inputs, marketing support etc.

(c) The amount allocated during each of the last three years for the schemes for handicrafts & DDHPY for handloom sector is as under: -

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Sector	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Handicrafts	88.00	103.55	103.00
2.	Handlooms	81.20	63.64	76.61

(d) In the handicrafts sector, coverage of 481 craft clusters under AHVY, organization of 799 marketing events, 78 export promotion events, 1139 design development workshops & training to 39,171 artisans was undertaken during the last three years. Under DDHPY, assistance was provided to 14,54,860 weavers for various interventions during the last three years.