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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) proposes to train local artisans in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified for the same; and
- (c) the steps taken to harness the potential of local artisans?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Under the Cluster Development Programme, the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) has proposed inter-alia to train local artisans under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (SGSY) Scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) Cluster development Initiative aims at establishing a large number of micro-enterprises in the rural areas, building upon the potential of the rural poor. It is an effort towards offering a holistic programme covering all aspects of self employment such as organization of the poor into self help groups (SHGs), training, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing. The programme has been designed to provide proper support and encouragement to tap the inherent talents and capabilities of the rural poor.

NIFT has identified 5 craft clusters and operationalised the project in five centers of NIFT.

State Cluster NIFT Centre

West Bengal Birbhum Kolkata
Gujarat Surendranagar Gandhinagar
Kerala Kozhikode Chennai
Karnataka Hampi Bangalore
Madhya Pradesh Dhar New Delhi

(c) The steps taken to harness the potential of local artisans :

This is being done by a three level holistic intervention by providing facilities such as Design Studio at NIFT center, Rural Development Enterprise Centre (RDEC) at Clusters and Shared Resources & Technology Support Centre (SRTSC) at sub-cluster level