

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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CRAFT DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government intends to set up Craft Development Institute in the country, especially in Srinagar to train artisan in the art of making papier mache products;
- (b) if so, the time by which the Institute is likely to be set up; and
- (c) the other steps proposed to be taken by the Government to promote papier mache industry in the country, especially in Kashmir including making it more export oriented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) A Craft Development Institute has been set up at Srinagar with the objective to provide Research & Development facility in the field of material & process testing, field studies, ecological & process related issues, campus linkage for networking with various agencies & to provide training facilities to craftpersons/entrepreneurs etc. in various crafts including papier Machie products.

(c) The other steps taken by the Government to promote papier machie industry in the country, especially in Kashmir to make it more export oriented include: implementation of Baba Saheb Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of craft clusters; Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research & Development & Credit Guarantee Scheme etc.