

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2680  
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2006  
PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES.  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress under Wool Technology Mission, promotion of Pashmina and traditional handicraft development programmes;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the production of handicrafts has decreased during the year 2005;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (e) whether handicraft sector is lagging behind due to lack of modernization;
- (f) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (g) the amount earmarked for the promotion of handicrafts under various schemes?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b) The Scheme of Wool Technology Mission was not approved. Government has launched a scheme namely, Integrated Wool Improvement Programme (IWIP) in place of Wool Technology Mission for implementation during the 10th Five Year Plan period. Under this programme the Central Wool Development Board has been administering inter-alia schemes for pashmina wool development in the Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir, the components of which are breed improvement, health care, nutrition, pasture development etc. The Board has released an amount of Rs.110.75 lakh to Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council. Handicrafts Development Programme include Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana, Design & Technology Upgradation, Marketing & Support Service, Export Promotion, Bima Yojana etc. These schemes are being implemented throughout the country as grants-in-aid schemes by State Handicrafts Development Corporation/Appex Bodies and NGOs. Periodic review of the schemes is carried out from time to time and corrective measures are taken wherever required.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) The amounts earmarked for promotion of handicrafts sector under various schemes during 2005-06 are as per annexure.

Annexure  
Budget allocation during 2005-06

(Rs. In crores)

S.No. Name of the Schemes B.E.

1.	Baba Saheb Ambedkar Yojana	30.70
2.	Design & Technical Upgradation	19.00
3.	Marketing & Support Services	19.00
4.	Export Promotion	12.60
5.	Research & Development	03.30
6.	Training & Extension	01.10
7.	Integrated Package for J&K	05.00

8. Bima Yojana for Artisans	03.80
9. Special Handicrafts Training Programme	03.50
10. Credit Guarantee Scheme	0.00
11. Workshed Scheme	0.00
12. UNDP Projects	0.00

Total (Revenue) 98.00

Capital

13. Infrastructure Projects	07.00
14. Financial Assistance to Central PSUs/SHDCs/Apex Societies	

Total Capital 07.00

Grand Total 105.00