

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN ARTISAN IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps taken to place Indian artisans in the International market;
- (b) the ongoing schemes in this regard; and
- (c) the reaction of the Govt. on the function of the aforesaid schemes ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Master craftpersons are sponsored to participate for display and live demonstration of crafts in International fairs/exhibitions under the agreed Cultural Exchange Programme between India and other nations from time to time. In addition, Master craftpersons also participate in the events abroad through Export Promotion Councils and State Handicrafts Development Corporations.
- (b) Export Promotion scheme is currently in operation under which the expenditure on the activities mentioned at (a) above is being met..
- (c) Implementation of export promotion scheme helps in creating awareness about Indian Handicrafts in the international market which contributes in enhancing exports of Indian Handicrafts..