

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:839
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2005
ASSISTANCE TO HANDICRAFT CORPORATIONS
Sharma Shri Madan Lal

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether government provides financial assistance to Handicraft Corporations and other organizations in the States for development of handicrafts;
- (b) if so, the details of financial assistance provided to various States including Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government also propose to provide special relief to craftsmen in Jammu and Kashmir and other States for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the other measures Government propose to take for development of handicrafts in the country including Jammu and Kashmir, and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The details of financial assistance provided to various implementing agencies State-wise, including the State of Jammu and Kashmir for the promotion and development of Handicrafts during the last three years is as per Annexure attached.

(c) & (d): As per existing provision, TA/DA/Transportation charges are payable to the eligible craftspersons from the North Eastern Region, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshdweep, Laddakh region of J&K, KBK districts of Orissa and States/UTs affected by Natural calamities for participation in Craft Bazars and Handicraft Expos. In addition, PM's special package is also being implemented in J&K for integrated development for export of carpet and other handicrafts; strengthening of infrastructure support for promotion of handicrafts and revival of Kani Shawl. No other special relief is proposed at present.

(e) & (f): The schemes currently under implementation for development and promotion of handicraft sector include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research and Development; Bima Yojana & Special Handicrafts Training Project. The other measures proposed include: extension of Workshed and Credit Guarantee Schemes to rest of India besides J&K; introduction of 'Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana'.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.839 for answer on 4.3.3005

State-wise, funds released to various implementing agencies under Handicraft Schemes during the last three years..

(Rs. In Lakhs)

State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Andhra Pradesh	116.28	136.94	212.04
A & N Island	2.84	0.00	0
Arunachal Pradesh	197.84	13.65	28.12
Assam	133.60	212.36	267.29
Bihar	82.31	11.80	9.64
Delhi	516.24	10.09	22.58
Goa	0.98	6.44	15.10
Gujarat	84.20	759.84	1147.67
Haryana	34.45	128.15	2.77
Himachal Pradesh	96.05	35.42	108.8
Jharkhand	62.81	40.24	57.24
Jammu & Kashmir	42.04	116.32	130.9
Karnataka	95.62	107.58	292.98
Kerala	20.79	8.87	11.98
Madhya Pradesh	138.70	32.74	72.08

Maharastra	54.68	24.68	89.28
Manipur	34.55	146.88	144.07
Meghalya	4.42	56.66	124.11
Mizoram	20.42	40.21	33.61
Nagaland	63.55	16.60	7.70
Orissa	77.42	17.67	33.63
Punjab	30.33	128.33	93.24
Pondicherry	5.89	90.43	140.5
Rajasthan	48.48	20.58	44.86
Sikkim	10.81	1.10	0.48
Tamil Nadu	35.08	68.93	196.64
Tripura	46.60	0.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	262.94	33.75	74.55
Uttaranchal	50.98	32.46	39.51
West Bengal	62.65	329.87	321.37
Chhatisgarh	185.18	38.75	111.63
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TOTAL 2618.73 2742.22 4030.03