

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIEW OF HANDICRAFT SCHEME

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the schemes related to handicrafts being implemented in the country speedily in Jharkhand and Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the shortcomings in the above schemes as well as the lapse on the part of the Government authorities in the implementation of the said scheme;
- (c) the other schemes formulated or propose to be formulated by the government;
- (d) whether offices of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) have been showing non-cooperation in the matter of upliftment of craftsmen;
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in the matter; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

- (a)&(b): The schemes being implemented for promotion & development of handicrafts in the country are not state specific and are being implemented as grant-in-aid schemes through Implementing Agencies like State Handicrafts Development Corporations/Apex bodies and NGOs etc. These schemes are reviewed periodically with a view to assess their outreach and impact and based on the review, corrective measures are taken wherever required, in the form of modification/amendment of the schemes to make the delivery and outreach more effective. During the course of implementation if any such lapse comes to notice, necessary action is taken as per rules.
- (c): The schemes currently in operation to promote handicrafts in the country 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.
- (d): The Government provides full cooperation and support for upliftment of artisans.
- (e)&(f): Do not arise.