

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA**

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Handicraft/Carpet SSCs

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the handicraft and carpet Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) have been formed to promote skill development among artisans, craft persons and workers at grassroots level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to operationalise the skill councils at district level through the State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (d) Yes Madam, The Handicrafts & Carpets Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) is registered as a Society under Societies Act of 1860. It is promoted by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion Council, with inclusive representation of the Government, Industry, Industry Associations, Workers Organisations and Civil Society Organisations, Training Institutes and NGOs. The HCSSC functions as the Apex Body on skill development for the handicrafts and carpet sector as well as coordinate the efforts of various agencies in the area of skill development. Sector Skill Councils are national level bodies. Out of 39 Training providers, 20 of them have started training. Under PMKVY scheme, 2410 trainees for fresh training have been enrolled through the affiliated training providers of HCSSC and 1472 have completed the training. Operationalization of skill councils in States are ongoing process.