

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-480
ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2022

HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY

480. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government acknowledges that the present number of handicraft units in the country are not enough to cater to the handicraft industry;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to increase the regional offices and field units from the present 6 and 61 respectively;
- (c) whether Government plans to set up new regional handicraft offices, especially in the state of Rajasthan and if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of all the Indian handicrafts exported in the year 2021-22?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) to (c): Sir, there are 6 Regional Offices and 61 Handicraft Service Centers across the country to cater and promote the handicraft industry. The Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) already has 3 (three) existing offices in the State of Rajasthan i.e. Handicrafts Service Centre at Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur under Northern Regional Office to cater to the needs of handicrafts artisans specially in Rajasthan.

(d): Handicrafts items including Carpet and other Floor coverings worth Rs. 49,385.12 Crores were exported during the financial year 2021-22.
