

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3512
ANSWERED ON- 31/03/2023

ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE HANDICRAFTS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

3512. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote Handicrafts of Himachal Pradesh globally;
- (b) the details of assistance extended to support and promote handicrafts, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;
- (c) whether there are any platforms/networks for artisans to connect and help each other and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of capacity building and/or support provided to handicraft artisans from Himachal Pradesh from 2018 till date?

ANSWER

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

(a): Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) takes several steps to promote Indian handicrafts globally including crafts of Himachal Pradesh. It provides Grant-in-aid to eligible implementing agencies for organizing various international marketing events and also facilitates artisans to participate in important global marketing events. During the last three years, 105 international marketing events including Reverse buyer-seller meets have been organized benefitting 1,443 artisans/exporters.

(b): The details of assistance extended by Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) schemes to support and promote handicrafts State/UT-wise and scheme wise is enclosed at **Annexure**.

(c): Ministry of Textiles under National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) scheme provides the platform to artisans for discussion and interaction through various chaupals, workshops, study tours, small and big marketing events etc. and also connect and help each other.

(d): Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) provides support for capacity building through NHDP and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS). 15,670 artisans from Himachal Pradesh have benefited under their interventions from 2018 till date.

Annexure referred to the reply of part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3512 to be answered on 31.03.2023

State-wise funds released during the Financial Years 2018-19 to 2021-22 under National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS).

Sl. NO.	State-wise /UT-wise	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	A & N Islands	102.82
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1,441.31
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	175.23
4.	Assam	1,094.14
5.	Bihar	582.08
6.	Chandigarh	77.81
7.	Chhattisgarh	341.15
8.	Delhi	7,769.49
9.	Goa	59.89
10.	Gujarat	1,722.57
11.	Haryana	402.1
12.	Himachal Pradesh	1,264.52
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,232.91
14.	Jharkhand	590.01
15.	Karnataka	668.35
16.	Kerala	472.16
17.	Ladakh	121.10
18.	Madhya Pradesh	2,287.99
19.	Maharashtra	637.00
20.	Manipur	1,051.60
21.	Meghalaya	261.46
22.	Mizoram	131.44
23.	Nagaland	330.59
24.	Odisha	1,454.56
25.	Puducherry	246.39
26.	Punjab	949.04
27.	Rajasthan	4,297.07
28.	Sikkim	161.38
29.	Tamil Nadu	700.87
30.	Telangana	647.03
31.	Tripura	202.63
32.	Uttar Pradesh	5,516.73
33.	Uttarakhand	519.78
34.	West Bengal	747.44
35.	All India	699.72
	Total	38,960.36