

SCHEMES FOR HANDICRAFT SECTOR

1483. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state :

- the details of allocation and utilization of the funds for the Handicraft sector during each of the past three years and the current year for the State of Tamil Nadu;
- whether the Government has conducted any survey/study among the people working under handicraft sector in the base level and if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- whether any new scheme has been introduced/proposed to be introduced for the development of the handicraft sector and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government has taken steps to ensure that the funds released to handicraft sector reach in the right hands and if so, the details thereof; and
- the projected employment growth in the handicraft sector?

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ANSWER

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(a): Funds are not allotted state wise. However, state-wise funds released under above mentioned schemes during the last three years and current year for the state of Tamil Nadu is a under:-

Year	Fund released to Tamil Naidu (In lakh)
2013-14	188.20
2014-15	225.63
2015-16	1272.85
2016-17 (upto August 2016)	69.75

(b): Details of the survey/study conducted is as per **Annexure-I**. A base line survey for mobilization and formation of Self Help Group for 200 artisans has also been conducted during the year 2016-17 under the scheme of **Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana**.

(c): Office of the Development Commissioner [Handicrafts] implements various schemes for promotion and development of handicrafts sector under one umbrella scheme namely "**National Handicrafts Development Programme [NHDP]**" to emphasize integrated approach for development of handicraft cluster in a holistic manner. The NHDP has following components:

I.A. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.

- Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojana.
 - Design & Technology Upgradation.
 - Human Resource Development Scheme.
 - Direct Benefit to Artisans.
 - Infrastructure & Technology Support.
- B. Mega Cluster**
- Marketing Support & services.
 - Research and Development.

(d): To ensure that the fund reach in the right hands to the artisans, the government has started the payment directly in the beneficiary bank account.

(e): Handicraft is an unorganized sector. Year-wise employment statistics is not compiled centrally.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1483 for answer on 24.11.2016

The details of Survey/ Study conducted by office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) among the people working under handicraft sector in the base level

Sl. No.	Implementing Agency	Purpose	Amount sanctioned (In lakhs)	Remarks
1	Datamation Consultant Pvt. Ltd., Delhi Southern, Western & North Eastern Region (2008-09)	To conduct census of handicrafts artisans	97.00	Work is under process
2	Agriculture Finance Corporation, Mumbai Southern Region (2010-11)	---do---	33.09	---do---
3	CCI Chennai	Providing inputs on the global handicraft sector for the development of Indian handicrafts and to generate reports annually in the area of development and issues pertaining to Marketing, Labour, Geographical Indication, to provide consultancy on various types of awards, welfare measures etc. & other issues of the Handicrafts sector	18.80	Work completed
4	NIFT, Chennai	Study on Languishing Crafts- Temple Appliqué	3.00	---do---
5	SIPPO, Madurai	Study to assess the problems relating to Raw Material, Technology, Design Etc. for metal Based Crafts	5.00	---do---
