

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

HUNAR HAAT

214. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to organise "HUNAR HAAT" at India International Trade Fair-2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the fund allocation, project framework and organisational set up made in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Minority Affairs is organizing the "Hunar Haat" Exhibition to promote the traditional crafts/arts being practiced by minority communities under the brand USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Crafts/Arts for Development) through its Central Public Sector Enterprise viz., National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), at India International Trade Fair (IITF) – 2016 from 14th -27th November, 2016. For this purpose, Hall No.14 of Pragati Maidan, India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), New Delhi has been booked for about 100 stalls. The total project cost is about Rs. 1.74 Crore and out of that Ministry has already sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1.08 Crore. Over 180 craftsmen/artisans, including the National/ State awardees belonging to the Minority communities from different parts of the country have been invited to showcase their traditional skills and promote their crafts/arts and sell their products. This platform of Hunar Haat at IITF would provide an opportunity to minority craftsmen/artisans to establish global market linkages. Sufficient space has also been kept for the purpose of audio-visual publicity of the schemes and programs of the Ministry and its attached bodies.
