LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1024 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

HANDICRAFT ARTISANS

1024. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for enhancing the income of the artisans in handicrafts sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the capacity building of artisans so that they can upgrade their skills?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government implements various schemes for promotion and development of handicrafts sector under "National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP]" and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS). The NHDP has following components:-
 - Dastkar Shasktikaran under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna (AHVY)
 - 2. Design & Technology Upgradation (DTU)
 - 3. Human Resource Development (HRD)
 - 4. Direct Benefit to Artisans (DBT)
 - 5. Infrastructure and Technology Support (ITS)
 - 6. Research and Development (R&D)
 - 7. Marketing Support & Services (MSS)

Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) has following components:-

- 1. Mega Cluster (MC)
- 2. Special projects under Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicraft (IDPH).
- **(c):** Capacity building of artisans are being enhanced by providing training through Designers and Mastercraftpersons for development of new innovative and market friendly designs under Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme.

Technical and Soft Skills of artisans are upgraded through established institutions and gwardee aastercraftpersons under Human Resource Development Scheme.
