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Ministry of Development of North Eastern region

LOK SABHA

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Question

Traditional Skills

1413. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the role of his Ministry in Skill Development and preservation of traditional skills in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) whether his Ministry provides for livelihood generation through its schemes in the North Eastern Region; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]**

(a) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has supported the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC) in organizing skilling programmes at selected Handicrafts and Handloom clusters under the guidance of master crafts persons/trainers for a duration of 15 days. The NEHHDC undertakes awareness and training programmes amongst the artisans and weavers of the North Eastern Region in preservation of traditional skills in the wood carving, bell metal works, loin and loom weaving, fly shuttle and throw shuttle looms and in vegetables dying of natural fibres. It also undertakes design development workshops for artisans and weavers at cluster level by engaging qualified designers.

(b) Yes, Madam. Skill Development is one of the components of the World Bank aided project, North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP).

(c) Under this project, various types of skilling traditional skills for weavers, craftsmen and artisans is imparted to youths and members of Self Help Groups in the area of project implementation.
