LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.821 ANSWERED TO BE ON 07.02.2019

WELFARE OF ARTISANS:

821: SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

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

- (a) Whether age old traditional artisans are on the verge of unemployment in the absence of technical training in the country;
- (b) If so, whether the Government proposes to encourage these artisans for manufacturing modern clothing; and
- (c) The special steps taken/being taken by the Government regarding setting up of technical training workshops for the development of handicrafts in the country so far?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a)&(b): As per present Scheme guidelines there is no upper age limit for artisans being imparted training under Handicrafts Technical Training Program under Human Resource Development Scheme.

(c): The steps taken regarding setting up to technical Training workshops for the development of handicrafts in the country are detailed below:-

| Sl.No | HRD Component | | Year | No. of | Artisans |
|-------|--------------------|-----------|---------|------------|------------|
| | | | | Programmes | Benefitted |
| 1. | Handicrafts | Technical | 2014-15 | 86 | 1720 |
| | Training Programme | | | | |
| 2. | Handicrafts | Technical | 2015-16 | 290 | 5880 |
| | Training Programme | | | | |
| 3. | Handicrafts | Technical | 2016-17 | 108 | 2160 |
| | Training Programme | | | | |
| 4. | Handicrafts | Technical | 2017-18 | 149 | 2980 |
| | Training Program | nme | | | |
| Total | | | | 633 | 12740 |
