LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2309 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

KINNAL CRAFT

2309. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is training artisans in Kinnal craft, a local craft of Karnataka in its pursuit of reviving the traditional craft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is a huge demand for Kinnal artefacts worldwide and if so, the steps taken by the Government to instill confidence among the youths to earn their living through Kinnal and other traditional crafts, so that such local crafts can be revived?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) implements National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) under which different training programmes are conducted for the artisans in different crafts, including the Kinnal Craft, for their holistic development.

The details of trainings imparted and beneficiaries supported during last three years in Kinnal Craft are as under:

| S. No. | Name of the Training under NHDP Scheme | Number of beneficiaries |
|--------|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | Design & Technology Development Workshop (DDW) | 31 |
| 2 | Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Program (GSHPP) | 54 |

(c): The marketing for toys including products of Kinnal craft is being specifically undertaken through organising toy fairs in virtual & physical mode. This will boost domestic and international demand for the handmade toy sector.
