

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2019**

GRANT TO ARTISANS

2125. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to provide any grant to the artisans in Assam who have been keeping the heritage of Assamese Culture by resorting their distinguished handicraft activities, sculptures in terms of bamboo, wood, earthen, brass, iron, other metals etc. and handloom & Textiles to boost up their moral to uphold such activities in the society traditionally;
- (b) if so, the details of the grants processed and if not, the time by which the said grant is likely to be released; and
- (c) the amount of grant to be provided to each of the artisans of Assam?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c) In the Handicrafts Sector of Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, under Human Resource Development, the funds have been sanctioned for training through Guru Shishya Parampara component to the artisans in Assam who have been keeping the heritage of Assamese Culture by resorting their distinguished handicraft activities, sculptures in terms of bamboo, wood, earthen, brass, iron, other metals etc. and handloom & textiles to boost up their moral to uphold such activities in the society traditionally. The details of the grants sanctioned in the last three years to each of the artisans of Assam is given as per the **Annexure**.

For Weavers of Handloom Sector, Block Level Cluster (BLC) was introduced in 2015-16 as one of the components of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP). Financial assistance upto Rs. 2.00 crore per BLC for various interventions such as skill upgradation, Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata, product development, construction of workshed, project management cost, design development, setting up of Common Facility Centre (CFC) etc. is provided. Besides, financial assistance upto Rs. 50.00 lakh is also available for setting up of one dye house at district level. The proposals are recommended by the State Government. During 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, 42 numbers of BLCs have been sanctioned and Rs. 29.67 crores has been released so far for the Assam State.

Under Handloom Marketing Assistance which is one of the components of National Handloom Development Programme, in order to provide marketing platform to the handloom agencies/weavers to sell their products directly to the consumers, financial assistance is provided to the States/eligible handloom agencies for organising marketing events in domestic as well as overseas markets. During 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, 53 numbers of expos have been sanctioned and Rs. 7.65 crores has been released so far for the Assam State.

ANNEXURE

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
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Sl. No.	Name of the Handicrafts Service Centre	Name and Address of the Mastercraft person	Duration	Financial Implication in Rs.	Craft/ Venue	Training Venue
2017-18						
1	Guwahati	Shri Lakhna Saikia S/O Lt. Gathiramsaikia N. Kamalabari, Natunkamalabari Satra G. House, Kamalabari, Majuli, Assam	4 Months	684200	Cane & Bamboo	Natunkamalabari Satra G. House, Kamalabari, Majuli, Assam
2	Jorhat	Shri Krishna Kumar Namasudra S/O Lt. Rupam Namasudra Telikhalepar, Karimganj, Assam	4 Months	684200	Cane & Bamboo	Telikhalepar, Karimganj, Assam
3	Jorhat	Smt. Rashmi Ozah W/O Mr. Bhaben Saikia Village. Gajpuria Gaon, PO. Patia Gaon, Dist Jorhat, Assam	4 Months	684200	Artistic Tribal Textiles	Village. Gajpuria Gaon, PO. Patia Gaon, Dist Jorhat, Assam
4	Gauripur	Smt. Lady Rabha, Village Gojapara, PO Dwarka, Dist. Goalpara, Assam	4 Months	684200	Rabha textiles crafts	Village - Gojapara, PO- Dwarka Goalpara, Assam
5	Gauripur	Shri Ranjit Kumar Dey, Village Paharsingpara, P.O Dubapara, Dist. Goalpara, Assam	4 Months	684200	Sitalpati crafts	Village Paharsingpara, P.O Dubapara, Dist Goalpara Assam
6	Gauripur	Shri Manendra Deka Village Metuakuchi P.O. Santinagar Dist Barpeta, Assam	4 Months	684200	Cane & Bamboo	Village Metuakuchi P.O. Santinagar Dist Barpeta, Assam
7	Gauripur	Shri Pradip Kumar Dey, Ward No. 3 P.O. Gauripur Dist Dhubri, Assam	4 Months	684200	Cane & Bamboo crafts	Ward No. 3 P.O. Gauripur Dist Dhubri, Assam
8	Gauripur	Smt. Reju Bala Rabha, Village Dalmakha Hatibanda, P.O Debitola, Dist Kokrajhar, Assam	4 Months	684200	Rabha Artistic Textiles crafts	Village Dalmakha Hatibanda, P.O Debitola, Dist Kokrajhar Assam
9	Gauripur	Shri Karen Malakar, Village & P.O. Debottar Hasdaha Pt.-5, Dist Dhubri, Assam	4 Months	684200	Shola pith crafts	Village & P.O. Debottar Hasdaha Pt.-5, Dist Dhubri Assam
			Total	6157800		
2018-19 & 2019-20						
No fund has been sanctioned under Training through Guru Shishya Parampara component to the artisans in Assam.						