LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4076 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

KHETA EMBROIDERY

4076. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Kheta embroidery done by Shershahbadi women of Kishanganj, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to set up training cum exhibition centre for the promotion of Kheta embroidery, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote and preserve this dying/endangered craft from Kishanganj?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (**श्रीमती स्मृति ज़ूबिन इरानी**)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir, Approx. 250 women are engaged in embroidery work. 55 artisans have been enrolled under PAHCHAN initiative. The Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) is also setting up training cum exhibition centre for the promotion of Kheta embroidery. In addition, the first phase of Technical Training Programme under SAMARTH scheme of the Ministry of Textiles is being conducted for promotion and development of Kheta Embroidery benefiting 30 artisans.
- (c): The Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) implements various schemes for promotion and preservation of endangered crafts including Kheta embroidery and handicrafts artisans through "National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP)" and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS).

The NHDP has following components:

- (i) Base Line Survey & Mobilization of Artisans under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana,
- (ii) Design & Technology Up gradation,
- (iii) Human Resource Development,
- (iv) Direct Benefit to Artisans,
- (v) Infrastructure and Technology Support,
- (vi) Research and Development,
- (vii) Marketing Support & Services.

The CHCDS has following components:

- (i) Mega Cluster,
- (ii) Special projects under Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicraft (IDPH).