## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2315 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

## **URBAN HAATS**

2315. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD: SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE: SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA: DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.: DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing National Handicraft Development Programme to provide assistance for setting up Urban Haats in big towns with a view to provide direct marketing facilities to artisans/ weavers;
- (b) if so, the number of Urban Haats operational in the country particularly in the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (c) the details of sales and profits derived therefrom annually and if not, the reasons for the same;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Government of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for setting up of Urban Haats and if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and
- (e) whether Urban Haats have been successful in achieving their objective and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in this regard?

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- **(b) & (c):** The total number of Urban Haats operational in the country is 29 and in the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu it is 2, 1 and 1 respectively. There is no urban haat in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The details of sales and profits derived therefrom annually is not maintained centrally as these urban haats after construction are handed over to respective State Govt. agencies for further operations.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Yes, Sir. The urban haats are providing marketing platform directly to artisans/weavers, thus increasing the income of artisans/weavers in the country.