

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 655  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2026

**PREVENTION OF TRADITION HANDLOOM TEXTILES**

655. SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM:  
SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:  
DR. SHIVAJI BANDAPPA KALGE:  
SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any mapping of traditional handloom textiles and designs prevalent in various states of the country particularly in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of various textiles and designs from various states of the country including its history, functionality, use and fiber etc.; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof State-wise and in Sambhajinagar district in Maharashtra?

उत्तर  
ANSWER  
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a) to (c):** Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) has taken-up project of 'Craft Repository' with National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi for retrieval of traditional knowledge and collation of contemporary research and innovation in textiles.

As part of the project Repository of Indian Textiles and Crafts (RTC) portal was launched in public domain on the occasion of National Handloom Day 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

A total of 457 Crafts (161-Handlooms & 296-Handicrafts) along with detailed write up have been uploaded on the RTC portal and are available in public domain on [www.vastrashilpakosh.in](http://www.vastrashilpakosh.in). Brief of the craft, geography & ethnography, process, tools & techniques and other related information for each craft has been compiled and provided in the portal.

Out of 161 Handloom crafts, 11 crafts pertain to Maharashtra State including 2 crafts from Sambhaji Nagar district and 4 crafts pertain to Madhya Pradesh.

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