

Promotion and Development of Handicrafts

114. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed the on-going programmes and schemes formulated for promotion and development of handicrafts in the selected areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and provided for upgradation of skills of traditional artisans and craftsmen during 1997-98, State-wise;

(d) the details of the new schemes taken up/proposed for upgradation of skills of artisans and craftsmen through institutional support; and

(e) the other steps taken for promotion of traditional handicrafts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However the review is for the entire country. The programmes and schemes reviewed include training; survey & studies; marketing development programmes; setting of craft development centres; opening of new emporia and renovation/expansion of existing emporia; workshop-cum-housing; group insurance; common facility centre; health package and member education programme.

State-wise funds are not allocated in the handicrafts sector. The funds provided for upgradation of skills of artisans including traditional artisans during 1997-98, State-wise is as per statement attached, (*see below*)

The details of new schemes taken up/proposed for upgrading the skill of artisans through institutional support include: training for trainers; supply of modern tools and equipment; and member education programme.

The other steps taken for promotion of traditional handicrafts of the

country by the Government include: Survey and studies; design development; setting up of crafts development centre; opening of new emporia and renovation/ expansion of existing emporia; setting up of common facility centres.

Statement

Details of funds provided for upgradation of skills of artisans

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Amount provided (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8.34
2.	Assam	27.71
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5.06
4.	Bihar	12.48
5.	Guja/at	7.70
6.	Goa	2.26
7.	Haryana	3.61
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1.20
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.13
10.	Karnataka	23.68
11.	Madhya Pradesh	17.73
12.	Maharashtra	13.21
13.	Manipur	11.71
14.	Meghalaya	0.30
15.	Mizoram	—
16.	Nagaland	8.18
17.	Orissa	15.15
18.	Punjab	3.30
19.	Kerala	12.18
20.	Rajasthan	1.03
21.	Sikkim	9.68
22.	Tamil Nadu	12.69
23.	Tripura	24.76
24.	Uttar Pradesh	78.81
25.	West Bengal	17.18
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2.27
27.	Chandigarh	—
28.	Dadar Nagar Havili	—
29.	Delhi	5.21
30.	Daman & Diu	—
31.	Pondicherry	0.77
32.	Lakshadweep	—