

(d) Government have introduced several provisions in the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, further supplemented in June, 2012, for providing incentives to the T&C sector exports. This includes incentives for exports to focus markets and exports of focus products, interest subvention on pre-shipment credit, duty-free import of trimmings etc. required by the garmenting industry and duty-free import of tools by the handicrafts industry. This apart, financial assistance is being provided to the exporters under the Market Development Assistance Scheme and the Market Access Initiative Scheme, for enhancing market share in existing markets and for exploring new markets.

Scheme for development and export of handicrafts

2751. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing any schemes for development and export of handicrafts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the achievements made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government has been implementing following six generic schemes for the promotion and development including export of Handicraft sector:

- (i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.
- (ii) Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme.
- (iii) Marketing Support Services Scheme.
- (iv) Research and Development Scheme.
- (v) Human Resource Development Scheme.
- (vi) Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

(c) The achievements made under the above mentioned schemes during the last three years including export of handicrafts are given in Statement.

Statement

Achievement made during the last three years of the 11th Plan

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Achievements	
		2009-10	2010-11
1	Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana	123 new clusters	141 clusters
2	Design and Technical Upgradation	522 events	399 events
3	Marketing Support and Services	i. Domestic 280 events ii. International 63 events	i. Domestic 368 events ii International 72 events
4	Research & Development	Research studies: 16	Research studies: 26
5	Human Resource Development	463 Programmes	721 programmes
6	Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme	Bima Yojana 0.26 lakh Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana - 8.02 lakh artisans covered	Bima Yojana 1,36,000 artisans Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana: 89000 Artisans covered
Export of handicrafts			
Item		2009-10	2010-11
A.	Carpet and other floor covering	2505.33	2992.70
B.	Other Handicrafts	8718.94	10533.96
C.	GRAND TOTAL (A+B)	11224.27	13526.66