

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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**SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR ARTISANS AND
CRAFTSMEN COMMUNITY**

957. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the absence of any customised skill development and training programmes, artisans and craftsmen community is unable to compete with the well-trained and equipped artisans in global markets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) the number of programmes that have been implemented by National Center for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) benefiting artisans during last three years and current year; and
- (d) the other major initiative being taken by Government towards human resource development in textile sector in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): The Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) under Ministry of Textiles, provides different skill development and training programmes for the benefit of artisans and craftsmen in the handicrafts sector under the component “Skill Development in Handicrafts Sector (SDHS)” of National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP). Further, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH) to provide skill training to handicraft artisans. Under SAMARTH scheme, more than 27,481 artisans have been trained since inception.

(c): National Design Centre (NDC) erstwhile National Centre for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) has conducted 60 skill development programme benefiting 1,300 artisans and 686 of toolkits distributed under the NHDP Schemes of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) during last three years and current year.

(d): Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) organizes many initiatives towards human resource development like Chaupal/workshop/seminars, design development workshop, guru shishya hastshilp prashikshan programme, comprehensive skill upgradation programme along with SAMARTH training programme. Under SAMARTH scheme, various courses are implemented which are National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) aligned and digital certificate is issued on successful completion of the programme. Ninety four courses of handicrafts sector have been developed by Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) which are NSQF aligned and adopted by Ministry of Textiles for conducting the skill training programs in handicraft and carpet sector.
