

List of Parliament Questions:

| S. No. | Subject | Question | Reply |
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| 1. | Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 958 for 09.02.2024. | Whether Government proposes to set up new textile colleges in Maharashtra and if so, the details there of ? | As per NIFT Policy for establishing new Campuses, NIFT shall not ordinarily establish another Campus in a State where one NIFT Campus is already functioning. NIFT Mumbai is functioning in the State of Maharashtra since 1995. At present, there is no proposal from Govt of Maharashtra to establish another Campus. |
| 2. | Provisionally Admitted Question for the Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Diary No. 1587 regarding Establishing National Institute of Design in Odisha. | (a) Whether the Ministry has considered formulating any specific schemes to improve the capacity of the artisans and weavers through continuous design interventions and the introduction of Updated technology; and, (b) If yes, the details thereof ? | NIFT, being a fashion and design institute, has associated itself with artisans of various clusters for craft research, design interventions and product development based on market trends, consumer preferences and incorporating contemporary designs into traditional crafts. NIFT has been facilitating artisans to connect with potential buyers, retailers, or export markets, helping them reach a wider audience and improve their income through workshops, annual Craft Bazaar, etc. |
| 3. | Parliament Question Rajya Sabha Provisional admitted Question Diary No. U1001 regarding "Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT), Bargarh" to be answered on 09.02.2024-reg. | (a) Will the Government consider establishing a satellite centre of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Bhubaneswar or that of NID, Ahmadabad in the unutilised portion of land in IIHT, Bargarh Odisha ? ; (b) If not, reason therefor | As per NIFT's policy, an extension centre can be opened in a state where a NIFT Campus is already functional, based on the firm proposal from the concerned State Govt along with full land and financial commitments. However, extension centre at Baragarh has not been found feasible. "Establishing a satellite centre at Bargarh is not feasible due to the following limitations:- (a) The distance between Bhubaneswar and Baragarh is 320 Km (approx.) and the train connectivity is very limited. (b) NIFT-Bhubaneswar has acute shortage of staff and faculty |

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| | | | due to which deputing / diverting them to Bargarh for extended periods would adversely impact the classes at Bhubaneswar" |
| 4. | Rajya Sabha Provisional starred/unstarred Question Diary No. U1317 regarding "Major Initiatives and Achievements of the Ministry in 2023" to be answered on 09.02.2024-reg. | <p>(a) The details of the major initiatives taken by the Ministry during the year 2023; and</p> <p>(b) The details of achievements of the Ministry in relation to various schemes in the year 2023 ?</p> | <p>1) As part of its international cooperation efforts, NIFT executes MoU with foreign universities, institutes and colleges under which dual degree programmes, student exchange and faculty exchange programmes are organised. In 2023, a total of 94 students from NIFT undertook their studies at various foreign institutions such as Fashion Institute of Technology (New York), ENSAIT (France), EnaMoma (Paris, France) and 31 students from foreign institutions studied at NIFT.</p> <p>2) Under NIFT's financial assistance scheme, 563 students (with annual household income up to Rs. 4 Lakhs) were given the scholarship.</p> <p>3) 12 students undertook semester exchange / summer programme at foreign institutes under NIFT's UDAAN Scheme.</p> <p>4) NIFT designed uniforms for various officers and staff, including Marshals, Staff Car Drivers, Protocol Officer, Parliament Security staff for new Sansad Bhawan under Central Vista Project.</p> |
| 5. | Provisionally Rajya Sabha Question Diary No. S564 for 08.02.2023 regarding "Promotion of Tribal Culture and Tribal Products"-reg. | (a) :- Year-wise details of measures taken by the Government to boost tribal culture and tribal products in India since 2019. | <p>(2019)</p> <p>i) Craft Demonstration by Artisans, Weaving Handloom of Umden, Meghalaya at NIFT-Shillong.</p> <p>ii) Craft Research & Documentation of Weaving Handloom, Umden at NIFT, Shillong</p> <p>iii) Craft Research & Documentation of Wood and Bamboo craft of Nagaland at NIFT-Shillong.</p> <p>(2020)</p> |

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| | | | <p>i) Craft Research & Documentation of Black Pottery of Longpi, Ukhrul Dist, Manipur by NIFT-Shillong.</p> <p>(2021)</p> <p>i) Craft Research & Documentation of Wood carving and Tribal Jewellery of Kohima & Dimapur, Nagaland by NIFT, Shillong</p> <p>(2022)</p> <p>(i) Product development of Banjara Embroidery Yellamma Thanda, in Banjara Craft under Craft Based Design Project at NIFT Hyderabad.</p> <p>ii) Product development in Bharoon Craft in Shanthapur Adilabad District, Telangana State under Craft Research & Documentation and Craft Based Design Project Craft Demonstration by Artisans, Demonstration workshop by Khatarshnong Handicraft Cluster at NIFT-Shillong.</p> <p>iii) Craft Research & documentation of Tribal hand embroidery, Nagaland, Tribal Textile of Oyan, East Siang District, Arunachal, Cane & bamboo craft of Umden, Meghalaya, Black Pottery craft of Larnai, Jowai at NIFT-Shillong.</p> <p>iv) Artisans Awareness Workshop on Umden and Umkon Handlooms Cluster, Bamboo Craft & Dry Flowers Cluster at NIFT-Shillong.</p> |
| | | <p>(b) :- Year -Wise and State-wise details of Exhibitions organised by the Government to promote tribal products in India; and</p> | <p>(2019)</p> <p>i) Craft Bazaar, an exhibition for Tribal Artisans from all North East states was conducted on 29th & 30th March 2019 at NIFT Shillong Campus. More than 20 artisans & weavers participated in the activity. Experts in handlooms and handicrafts from IIT Guwahati and NEHU made presentation for weavers and artisans during the exhibition</p> <p>(2020)</p> <p>Craft Exhibitions could not be conducted due to COVID-19</p> <p>(2021)</p> <p>Craft Exhibitions could not be conducted due to COVID-19</p> <p>(2022)</p> |

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| | | | <p>(i) Craft Bazaar 2022 was conducted in NIFT Shillong Campus on 29th & 30th April,2022. To promote varied handloom and handicraft products of the North Eastern region of India under the theme “Empowering North East Craft Through Design Intervention”. A total of 24 Artisans from all the North East states participated in the exhibition.</p> <p>(ii) NIFT Kangra covered all major regions of the Craft of Kullu, Kinnaur, Chamba and Kangra. 45 Artisans participated with their products in the craft bazaar. Tribal costumes were also displayed in the craft bazaar.</p> <p>(iii) NIFT Srinagar conducted a training program for Tribal Artisans of district Budgam J&K on “Product Development in Embroidery’ from 22nd March to 12th May,2022. Thirty Tribal Artisans of Lanilab, Dist Budgam participated in the training which was sponsored by office of the District Development Commissioner, Budgam, UT of J&K.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / unstarred Question Diary No. S2105, S596 for 10.02.2023 regarding Establishing National Institute of Design in Odisha</p> | <p>Whether the Ministry would consider a proposal to establish a satellite center of the National Institute of Design (NID) in the state of Odisha to augment the number of highly skilled artisans and weavers in the state;</p> | <p>NIFT, Bhubaneswar in Odisha State is in existence since 2010.</p> |