

Brief note on the Handicrafts activities in Distt. Doda.

The department of Handicrafts is running 14 training centers in the Distt. Where training to the un-employed youths of the district especially to women folk is being imparted in different crafts i.e. Crewel, Stapple, Sozni; Carpet weaving, Phoolkari, Chamba and Leath-Cum-Lacquer etc. Out of 14 training centers 06 Trg. Centers are of advance nature having training duration of 02 years in these Trg. Centers the elementary trained candidates are enrolled and the rate of stipend in these Trg. Centers is Rs;200/- per month per trainee. The remaining 08 Trg. Centers are of elementary nature having Trg. duration of one year or as per the nature of the craft Where rate of stipend is Rs;-100/- per month per trainee. The intake capacity of advance as well as elementary Trg. Centers is 25 trainees in each batch.

The passing out trainees are being registered with the Handicrafts department as artisans and to establish individual unit, financial assistance in the shape of loan is being provided through various banks on interest subsidy.

The physical and financial achievements during the year 2010-11 are as under;-

Name of the scheme	Allocation	Expenditure 2010-11
Distt. Plan.	4.38	4.23
Physical achievements;	Target	Achievements
Trg.centers	14	14
Trainees trained;	350	176 (Trg. prog. In 06 trg. centres being trg. duration Of 2 years is going on)

Besides, during last 02 years this office has conducted Employment fairs and Exhibitions at various places of the Distt. to apprise the public in general and un-employed youths of the District in particular about the activities/schemes of the department. The No: of registered Artisans and those artisans who have availed the loan facility through this department for establishment of their own unit is as under:-

S.NO:	Name of craft	Artisans registered.
1.	Crewal	35
2.	Sozni	01
3	Stapple	04
4.	Phoolkari	07
5.	Carpet	-
	Total:	47

Loan cases sanctioned by the banks: 17 out of 37 cases sponsored during the year 2010-11.

Apart from this the Govt has launched Health Insurance med claim policy through ICICI Lombard to facilitate the Registered Artisans and their dependents. Under the said scheme 76 Handicrafts registered artisans have been Insured during the year 2010-11.