

**INVITATION OF PROPOSALS UNDER NATIONAL HANDICRAFTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME [NHDP] FOR THE YEAR
2016-17**

Proposals are invited from empanelled NGOs/Govt. Institutions/State Corporations/other Organizations/Councils under **AMBEDKAR HASTSHILP VIKAS YOJANA** of NHDP for following Sub-Schemes:

a) Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojana: To implement community empowerment project in certain identified priority areas/clusters through mobilization of Artisans into Self Help Groups/Producers Societies to achieve certain deliverables envisaged under the Scheme.
b) Design & Technology Upgradation: To implement Design and Technology Development Project for strengthening the production base and develop new designs/new prototypes required for better marketing in prioritized areas identified by the Field Units.
c) Human Resource Development: To implement long term & short term training programmes for artisans/youth in priority areas.
d) Infrastructure & Technology Support: To create Craft Based Resource Centre, Common Facility Centre, Raw Material Depot etc.

Proposals are also invited for following Schemes of NHDP:-

Marketing Support & Services [MSS]: To conduct Gandhi Shilp Bazaars/Craft Bazaars/Exhibitions to enable the artisans to market their products and to conduct Buyer-Seller meetings to strengthen the market linkage in areas specifically identified for this purpose.

Research and Development [R&D]: To register crafts under Geographical Indication Act and to take up other relevant surveys in craft areas.

The Scheme guidelines are available at www.handicrafts.nic.in or www.handicrafts.gov.in . The Regional Directors & Assistant Directors of Marketing & Service Extension Centers may be approached for further information. **The list of priority intervention areas** is available on website and with the Office of Assistant Directors/Regional Directors. **Any other areas in each State having number of artisans, high production volumes, uncovered so far with any interventions under any of the Scheme or covered but not fully covered will also be treated as priority areas. NGOs & organizations who wish to apply for project sanctions in such areas may apply justifying the need for such proposals. However, the facts and figures will be verified by DC[Handicrafts] Office before decision is taken.**

The Government Organization/Councils & other Institutions etc. may directly apply to Regional Directors of the area.

The NGOs who are interested in applying for interventions in certain specified area in State may apply to the nearest Assistant Directors of Marketing & Service Extension Centers in the prescribed format. To become eligible, the NGOs must be empanelled with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai [www.tiss.edu] who has been entrusted the task of assessing the capabilities and experience of NGOs in handicrafts development programme.

The last date for receiving the proposals under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana [Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojana, Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme, Human Resource Development Scheme and Infrastructure & Technology Support Scheme] and Research & Development Scheme is **15th June, 2016**.

The last date for receiving the proposals under Marketing Support & Services Scheme [MSS] during the 1st & 2nd quarter is **30th May, 2016** and for III & IV quarters, the last date is **30th June, 2016**.