GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.916
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020

Training to minorities

†916. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government in view of the typical traditional craftsmanship of minority communities to provide them special training;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for Hunar Haat; and

(d) the amount of funds spent from the above fund and number of people who have been provided training?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development (USTTAD) scheme was launched on 14th May, 2015 to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities. The scheme aims at capacity building and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans; documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; set standards for traditional skills; training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; and develop national and international market linkages. The training component of the scheme was started from 2016-17. Further, Hunar Haat is being implemented from 2016-17 as a component of USTTAD scheme. The Hunar Haat is an effective platform wherein opportunity is given to minority artisans and culinary experts from across the country to showcase and market their finest handicraft and exquisitely crafted products. The details of the Scheme Guidelines are also available in public domain on the USTTAD Scheme Portal, i.e., usttad.minorityaffairs.gov.in/.

(c) & (d) While no separate funds are allocated for Hunar Haat component, the funds allocated under USTTAD scheme and total funds spent, funds spent under training component and funds spent under Hunar Haat component of USTTAD scheme since 2016-17 are as given below:

(Rs. In Crore)

Year	Funds Allocated	Funds spent		
		Training component	Hunar Haat component	Total expenditure
2016-17	20.00	17.11	2.66	19.77
2017-18	22.00	18.53	3.27	21.80
2018-19	30.00	26.27	4.99	31.26
2019-20*	50.00	19.88	9.57	29.45
Total	**122.00**	**81.79**	**20.49**	**102.28**

*** As on 31.01.2020**

Under USTTAD Scheme, 16,200 trainees have been trained and training for another 7560 trainees has commenced.

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