

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 438**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARTISANS**

438. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry provides financial assistance to artisans to construct workshed and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of khadi and other artisans benefitted under the workshed scheme in Maharashtra during each of last five years and the current year;
- (c) the total number of khadi artisans who were provided assistance for construction of worksheds in Maharashtra and Rajasthan under the scheme during last five years and current year; and
- (d) whether there is great boost to the sale of khadi products during each of the last three years and if so, the States which have contributed to the sale of khadi products?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a): Yes Sir. Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), provides financial assistance to artisans to construct workshed under 'Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans'. For construction of Individual Workshed, an assistance upto Rs 80,000/- or 75% of the cost (90% for NER) and for Group Workshed, an assistance upto Rs. 1,20,000/- or 75% of the cost (90% for NER), whichever is less, is provided.

(b)&(c): Number of Khadi artisans benefitted and financial assistance provided under the Workshed Scheme in Maharashtra and Rajasthan during last five years and the current year is as follows:

(Financial assistance: Rs. in lakh)

Year	Rajasthan		Maharashtra	
	No. of Artisans benefitted	Financial Assistance	No. of Artisans benefitted	Financial Assistance
2017-18	-	-	20	12.00
2018-19	-	-	25	15.00
2019-20	113	33.90	-	-
2020-21	54	54.30	20	6.00
2021-22	40	16.00	-	-
2022-23 (as on 31.01.2023)	90	48.00	-	-

(d): The sale of Khadi products during the last three years is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Sales(Rs. in cr.)</b>
2019-20	4211.26
2020-21	3527.71*
2021-22	5051.71

\*decrease in sales due to Covid-19 pandemic

The year wise details of top 3 major contributing States in Khadi sales are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
2019-20	Uttar Pradesh	West Bengal	Karnataka
2020-21	Uttar Pradesh	Karnataka	Tamil Nadu
2021-22	Uttar Pradesh	Karnataka	West Bengal

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