

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2675
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024

AIDING SMALL ARTISANS

2675 SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to aid small artisans;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of training provided to such artisans; and
- (d) the number of artisans trained under such programme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres / institutes under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society including the artisans and craftsman.

The government has prioritized the development of artisans and craftsmen by offering skill enhancement programmes tailored to their unique needs. Programmes under PMKVY certify and upskill artisans and craftsmen based on their existing expertise, and specialized training. The concerned Sector Skill Councils collaborate with industry experts to ensure that the training aligns with market trends and consumer demands. Under PMKVY 4.0, tailored training programs address the specific needs of rural communities. Further, under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) of PMKVY, workshops are conducted across rural areas to assess and certify the existing skills of workers in traditional sectors such as agriculture and handicrafts. Since inception of the Scheme, 4,53,570 candidates have been trained in Handicraft and Carpet Sectors.

Out of the 28 job roles under JSS scheme, 6 job roles are relevant for artisans and craftsman. Since 2018-19, 4,82,236 candidates have been trained in these 6 job roles under JSS scheme

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises launched PM Vishwakarma Scheme on 17.09.2023 to provide end-to-end support to traditional artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands and tools, and to uplift their socio-economic status by providing skill upgradation training, access to modern tools, financial assistance through credit support, and market linkages to enhance their productivity and quality of products. Under Skill development component of PM Vishwakarma, the basic training of 5-7 days and advanced training of 15 days or more, is provided with a stipend of Rs. 500/- per day. The Scheme covers artisans and craftsmen engaged in 18 trades given at **Annexure**. Since inception of the scheme, 10,22,244 candidates have been trained across India.

Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented skill development scheme for artisans and craftsmen, namely 'Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts Crafts for Development (USTTAD)' for six notified minorities which was launched in 2015 for targeted capacity building and upgrading of the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans. Since inception of the scheme, approx. 21,611 beneficiaries were trained.

Ministry of Textiles is implementing Samarth (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector) with the objective of providing demand driven and placement-oriented skilling programmes to supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textiles and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles excluding spinning and weaving in organized sector. Under Samarth Scheme, approx. 3.27 lakh candidates have been trained.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) to (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2675 ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024 REGARDING 'AIDING SMALL ARTISANS'

S. No.	Trade's Name
1.	Tailor (Darzi)
2.	Masons (Mistri)
3.	Carpenter (Suthar)
4.	Barbers (Naai)
5.	Malakaar
6.	Washerman (Dhobi)
7.	Basket Maker/Basket Weaver: Mat Maker/ Coir Weaver/ Broom Maker
8.	Blacksmith (Lohar)
9.	Potter (Kumhar)
10.	Sculptor (Moortikar)/ Stone Carver / Stone Breaker
11.	Goldsmith (Sunar)
12.	Fishing Net Makers
13.	Hammer And Tool Kit Maker
14.	Cobbler (Charmkar)/ Shoemaker/ Footwear Makers
15.	Doll & Toy Maker (Traditional)
16.	Armourer
17.	Boat Maker
18.	Locksmith
