

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

SUPPORT TO ARTISANS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE

750. DR. K. LAXMAN:

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

- (a) the steps that are being taken to expand the PM Vishwakarma Scheme to achieve its objectives of supporting artisans and craftspeople across the 18 identified trades;
- (b) the manner in which the scheme aligns with Government's broader goals of skill development, employment generation, and entrepreneurship promotion; and
- (c) whether Government plan to extend the benefits of the scheme to more trades or increase its reach, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a) & (c): The PM Vishwakarma Scheme, launched on 17.09.2023 to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople of 18 trades who work with their hands and tools, has been rolled out across the country. The Cabinet approved the "PM Vishwakarma" Scheme on 16.08.2023 with budget outlay of Rs.13,000 crore for a period of five years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28) to benefit 30 lakh beneficiaries. Since its inception, as of 06.02.2025, 27.19 lakh applicants have been successfully registered under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. Under the Scheme, various awareness programmes, trade fairs, and exhibitions have been organized to spread awareness about the Scheme. Regular coordination meetings have been held with Central Ministries/Departments and States/UTs to effectively implement the Scheme and ensure that its benefits reach the artisans and craftspeople of the 18 trades.

(b): As of 06.02.2025, more than 17.63 lakh PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries have been imparted skill trainings to improve their skills and more than Rs.2,634 crore of loan amount has been sanctioned to 3.08 lakh beneficiaries thereby promoting in enterprise creation and employment generation.
