

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 702
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016

E-CHARKA FOR KHADI

702. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

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

- (a) the number of spinners and weavers presently working to produce Khadi clothes by hand in the country, State/UTwise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to facilitate the use of e-Charkha and e-handloom in the production of Khadi; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said facilities are likely to be made available to them and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): State/UT-wise details of number of spinners and weavers engaged in Khadi production in the country is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b)&(c): In e-charkha, while the spinners ply the charkha, a retrofit instrument attached to the charkha energizes a battery through a dynamo which is used for lighting LED lamp etc. Though, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) advised Khadi Institutions (KIs) to arrange supply of retrofit attachment to artisans, the artisans did not accept as it increases physical strain and plying noise of the charkha.

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Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 702 for answer on 21.11.2016

Details of number of spinners and weavers engaged in Khadi production

Sl. No.	State/UT	Numbers (Provisional)	
		Spinners	Weavers
1	Jammu & Kashmir	18531	2691
2	Himachal Pradesh	6309	989
3	Punjab	34089	5979
5	Uttarakhand	31611	4947
6	Haryana	38614	6184
7	Delhi	2978	964
8	Rajasthan	64542	11017
9	Uttar Pradesh	321547	51999
10	Bihar	86413	14184
12	Arunachal Pradesh	72	12
13	Nagaland	1683	281
14	Manipur	303	51
16	Tripura	379	61
17	Meghalaya	75	12
18	Assam	13094	2003
19	West Bengal	79891	12898
20	Jharkhand	3187	645
21	Odisha	2981	1163
22	Chhattisgarh	5997	1495
23	Madhya Pradesh	5218	1017
24	Gujarat	30174	5424
25	Maharashtra	2011	457
26	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	26110	4104
27	Karnataka	31487	5314
30	Kerala	13544	1989
31	Tamil Nadu	41427	6541
	Total	862267	142421