

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2275.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 1ST JANUARY, 2018.**

ASSISTANCE TO LEATHER ARTISANS

2275. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) the total number of artisans who have received livelihood support under Support to Artisan Scheme during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to create infrastructure to support leather artisans; and
- (c) if so, the details of the areas of investment under the scheme along with the funds utilized during the said period?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

- (a): Assistance to leather artisans was provided under 'Support to Artisan' sub-scheme of Indian Leather Development Programme, implemented during 12th plan period. During the last three years, no assistance was released under this sub-scheme. However, during 2012-13 and 2013-14, 31,538 leather artisans have been covered in Jaipur/Alwar, Jodhpur, Patiala, Rai-Bareilly, Maharashtra and West Bengal by Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) with total assistance of Rs. 60 crore under the above sub-scheme.
- (b): Government has approved special package for employment generation in leather & footwear sector which involves implementation of central sector scheme 'Indian Footwear, Leather & Accessories Development Programme (IFLADP)' with an approved expenditure of Rs. 2600 crore over the next three financial years i.e. 2017-18 to 2019-20 to create infrastructure for leather, footwear and accessories sector. However, under IFLADP there is no scheme to provide support to artisans.
- (c): Question does not arise.
