

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3891  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

ASSISSTANCE TO ARTISANS

3891. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA  
RAJESHWARI SINGH.

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of artisans in the country including in Odisha and the number of groups in which they are working in the country including Odisha, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to such groups of artisans; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER  
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): There are estimated 68.86 lakhs of artisans in the country including 1.50 lakhs artisans in the State of Odisha. 15076 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed in working clusters including the state of Odisha at the block level, the details are given in **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c) : The Government implements various schemes to provide financial assistance to the artisans/Self Help Groups across the country under “**National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP]**” and **Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)**. **The NHDP has following components.**

1. Dastkar Shasktikaran under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna (AHVY)
2. Design & Technology Upgradation (DTU)
3. Human Resource Development (HRD)
4. Direct Benefit to Artisans (DBA)
5. Infrastructure and Technology Support (ITS)
6. Research and Development (R&D)
7. Marketing Support & Services (MSS)

**Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)** has following components:

1. Mega Cluster (MC)
2. Special projects under Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicraft (IDPH).



**Annexure refer to the part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3891 for the answer on 09.08.2018**

<b>State</b>	<b>Self Help Groups</b>
Andhra Pradesh	60
Arunachal Pradesh	146
Assam	2865
Bihar	185
Chhattisgarh	275
New Delhi	70
Goa	35
Gujarat	2680
Haryana	72
Himachal Pradesh	90
J&K	777
Jharkhand	64
Kerala	105
Karnatka	55
Madhya Pradesh	702
Maharashtra	350
Manipur	1653
Meghalaya	30
Mizoram	105
Nagaland	238
odisha	521
Punjab	140
Tamil Nadu	15
Telangana	133
Tripura	220
Uttar Pradesh	2882
Uttarakhand	330
West Bengal	248
Rajasthan	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>15076</b>

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