

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.757
ANSWERED TO BE ON 07.02.2019**

DETAILS REGARDING ARTISANS:

757: SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will be Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of artisans in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of the welfare development programs/schemes launched for the artisans;
- (c) Whether there is any problem in the implementation of the development programs/schemes for artisans;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)**

(a): There are estimated 68.87 no. of artisans in the country. Under Pahchan initiative 23.05 lakh artisans have been mobilized so far. The details of Pahchan identity cards issued to handicraft artisans, state wise including the state of Chhattisgarh are as per **Annexure-I**.

(b): Office of The Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has a separate scheme namely Direct Benefits to Artisans for Welfare of Artisans in which following components relate to social security.

Mudra Loan with Interest Subvention & Margin Money for Handicrafts Artisans

Under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) Mudra Loan provided upto Rs.10 lakh to income generating micro enterprises engaged in manufacturing trading and services sectors. Mudra Loans are being provided to provide adequate and timely assistance to artisans/weavers at **interest subvention** of 6 % for a period of 3 years to a maximum of Rs.100000/- to meet their credit requirements.

Further to encourage the artisans to avail the facility of MUDRA loan, 20% of MUDRA loan amount is also being provided as **Margin money** in their loan amount not exceeding to Rs.10,000/-. Handicrafts Service Centres are facilitating artisans in availing the credit facility by mobilizing them, creating awareness & submitting applications to the Banks.

Support to Artisans in Indigent Circumstances (Pension Scheme)

This scheme provides Financial Assistance to the aged awardees artisans who are the recipient of Shilp Guru Award/ National Award/ Nation Merit Certificate hold/ State Award in handicrafts and are not less than 60 years of age and their annual income should not be Rs. 50,000 or more. Financial assistance of Rs. 3,500/- p.m. is given to Master Craftsperson in Indigent Circumstances.

Insurance Scheme for Handicrafts Artisans

Bima Yojana for Handicrafts Artisans under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana /Pradhan Mantri Surkasha Bima Yojana for the age group of 18 to 50 years and Modified Aam Admi Bima Yojana for the age group of 51 to 59 years who were enrolled as on June, 2017.

The artisans enrolled under the scheme is provided insurance protection through Life Insurance Corporation of India as per details given below :-

For the age group of 18 to 50 years.

- Rs.2 lakh is payable on beneficiary's death due to any cause, for one year period from 1st June to 31st May.
- Risk coverage available will be Rs.2.00 lakh for accidental death and permanent total disability and Rs.1.00 lakh for partial disability for one year period from 1st June to 31st May.

For the Age group of 51 to 59 years

BENEFITS	
Natural Death	Rs. 60,000/-
Accidental Death	Rs.1,50,000/-
Total disability	Rs.1,50,000/-
Partial Disability	Rs. 75,000/-

MOUs with NIOS & IGNOU

A MOU has been signed between Govt. and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for collaboration in the area of education for handicraft artisans and their children wherein reimbursement of 75% of the fee for SC/ST/BPL and women artisans is being done.

(c) to (e): The schemes of “National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP]” & Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) are being implemented for the benefit of handicrafts artisans without any problem so far.

ANNEXURE- I

State - wise Artisans Mobilized	
States	Artisans
Uttar Pradesh	870316
Uttarakhand	31814
Andhra Pradesh	54568
Telangana	33455
Karnataka	24659
Kerala	38478
Tamil Nadu	35619
Pondicherry	13018
A&N Island	1765
Rajasthan	97047
Delhi	14865
Punjab	27584
Haryana	30746
Himachal Pradesh	12531
J & K	91143
Madhya Pradesh	83019
Gujarat	112518
Maharastra	46220
Chhattisgarh	12908
Goa	9478
Tripura	10507
Mizoram	3260
Assam	70172
Sikkim	2312
Arunachal Pradesh	6590
Nagaland	5264
Manipur	69418
Meghalaya	2716
West Bengal	230965
Odisha	110785
Jharkhand	36335
Bihar	115070
Total	2305145
