LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2518 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR ARTISANS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that our artisans and craftsmen of textile industry is unable to compete with the well-trained and equipped artisans in global markets in absence of any customized skill development and training programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether National Centre for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) and Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) have initiated capacity/skill development programme for artisans spread across different clusters across the country especially Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of funds allocated and the number of beneficiaries selected under the scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (e) the number of programmes that have been implemented by National Center for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) benefiting artisans during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the other major initiatives being taken by the Government towards human resource development in textile sector of the country?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a) & (b): Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), provides skill development and training programmes for the benefit of artisans and craftsmen in the handicrafts sector under the component 'Skill Development in Handicrafts Sector' of National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP). Further, O/o DC (Handicrafts), is implementing the Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH) to provide skill training to handicraft artisans. Under SAMARTH scheme more than 13,235 artisans have been trained in the last three years.
- (c) & (d): O/o DC (Handicrafts) provides assistance for skill development in Handicrafts sector through NHDP Scheme and also to eligible implementing agencies including National Centre for Design and Product Development (NCDPD) and Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), for conducting skill development and training programmes, to artisans throughout the country.
- (e): NCDPD has conducted 89 skill development programs benefitting 1780 artisans under the NHDP Scheme of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) in the previous three FYs and the current FY.
- (f): O/o DC (Handicrafts) provides skill training to handicraft artisans under SAMARTH scheme, through various courses which are NSQF aligned and as per NSQF guidelines. On successful completion of the programme, trainees are issued Digital Certificate. 87 courses of handicrafts sector have been developed by Handicrafts Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) which are NSQF aligned and adopted by Ministry of Textiles for conducting the skill training programs in handicraft and carpet sector.
