

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1779  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

HANDICRAFTS UNITS

1779. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

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

- (a) the number of handicraft units presently functioning in different parts of the country including Jharkhand and number of workers engaged therein; and
- b) the scheme/incentive being given by Government for the promotion and development of handicrafts in the country including Jharkhand?

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

(a): At present, 31.32 lakhs artisans have been issued Pahchan Card across the country and out of which 1.08 lakhs artisans are engaged in the state of Jharkhand.

(b): Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) implements two schemes for promotion and development of handicraft sector and artisans namely **National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP)** and **Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)** which has an integrated approach for development of handicraft sector in a holistic manner to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities for the artisans. The NHDP scheme provides end to end support to artisan for various activities namely marketing, skill development, design intervention, financial support, training support, direct benefit along with infrastructure & technology support in clusters.

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