

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*260  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2019**

**Hunar Hubs**

**\*260. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:**

**SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to establish 'Hunar Hubs' in every State of the country to train and encourage indigenous talent of master artisans, craftsmen as per the needs of the market;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with the time by which these are likely to be established;
- (c) the number of such hubs sanctioned/established by the Government in different parts of the country so far and business done in these hubs;
- (d) the number of master artisans, craftsmen and culinary experts including women who have been provided employment and employment opportunities during each of the last three years; and
- (e) whether the Government will provide training to master artisans, craftsmen and traditional culinary experts as per the modern needs in these 'Hunar Hubs' and if so, the details thereof along with the names of places where these hubs will be established in the near future, State/ location-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*260 by Shri Sanjay Sadashiv Rao Mandlik and Shri Khagen Murmu Members of Parliament regarding Hunar Hubs.**

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Minority Affairs has included construction of Hunar Hubs as one of the activities under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in identified Minority Concentration District Headquarters. The Hunar Hubs are sanctioned by this Ministry for enabling artisans/entrepreneurs to carry out exhibitions/melas/food-courts/skill training etc. The assets are to be maintained and managed on self-sustaining basis by the Minority Welfare Department/District Administration of the State/UT concerned. Proposals for construction of Hunar Hubs are forwarded by the State Government/UT administration as per their requirement for consideration of the Empowered Committee on PMJVK. Till date, 04 Hunar Hubs have been sanctioned on the basis of proposals received from the States of Kerala, Maharashtra and Meghalaya and their details are as given below:-

(Rs. in lakh)

State	District	Minority Concentration Area	Total Cost of the Project	1 <sup>st</sup> Installment of Central Share Released
Meghalaya	West Garo Hills	Tura Town	531.00	143.37
Kerala	Kottayam	Erattupetta Town	210.00	37.80
Kerala	Kottayam	Erattupetta Town	82.00	14.76
Maharashtra	Ahmednagar	Shrirampur Town	57.00	10.26

Further, Hunar Haats are organised by this Ministry under “Upgrading the Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development” (USTTAD) scheme to give an effective platform to minority artisans and culinary experts from across the country to showcase and market their finest handicraft and exquisitely crafted indigenous handmade products. So far, 14 Hunar Haats have been organized since November, 2016 at the following venues:-

- (a) India International Trade Fair (IITF), New Delhi in 2016, 2017, 2018 & Nov. 2019,
- (b) Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi in Feb. 2017, Feb. 2018 & Jan. 2019,
- (c) Puducherry in Sep. 2017 and Oct. 2018,
- (d) Mumbai in Jan. 2018 and Dec. 2018,
- (e) Prayagraj in Sep. 2018 and November 2019,
- (f) Jaipur in Aug-Sep. 2019.

The Hunar Haats going to be organised in the coming days are:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Duration of Hunar Haat</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>City</b>
1.	7-15 December, 2019	Sabarmati River Front	Ahmedabad
2.	20-31 December, 2019	MMRDA Grounds , Bandra Kurla Complex Rd, G Block BKC, MMRDA Area, Kalina, Bandra East	Mumbai
3.	10-20 January, 2020	Avadh Shilpgram , Near Sector 9, Amar Shaheed Path, Awadh Vihar Yojna	Lucknow
4.	11-19 January, 2020	People's Plaza, Necklace Road	Hyderabad
5.	20 Jan – 1 Feb, 2020	Parade Ground , 17G, 17E, Sector 17H	Chandigarh
6.	8-16 February, 2020	Ground opposite Business Park, Vijay Nagar Circle	Indore
7.	March, 2020		Jammu

Hunar Haats have provided artisans and persons associated with them, employment and significant employment-opportunities.

On an average, 100 Artisans, Craftsmen and Culinary Experts have participated with sales of Rs.145.00 lakh per Hunar Haat, in the 13 Hunar Haats organized through National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC). About 138 artisans and craftsmen participated with sales of around Rs.329 lakh in the Hunar Haat organized through Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) at Prayagraj in Nov. 2019.

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