

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1669
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019**

Hunar Hubs

1669. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to establish “Hunar Hubs” in every State in the next five years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Hunar Hubs would help to train and encourage indigenous artisans and craftsmen and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of Hunar Hubs sanctioned till date?

A N S W E R

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

- (a) to (c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) earlier known as Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, in 1300 identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCA) of the country with the objective of developing socio-economic assets and basic amenities in these areas to bring them at par with other parts of the country. The MCAs include 870 Minority Concentration Blocks, 321 Minority Concentration Towns and 109 Minority Concentration Districts Headquarters. Thrust of the PMJVK is to allocate at least 80% of the resources in education, health and skill development sectors of which at least 33-40% to be allocated for women centric projects. Construction of Hunar Hubs is one of the projects considered under the scheme with the objective of enabling artisans/entrepreneurs to carry out exhibitions/melas/food-courts/skill training under one roof in the identified MCD Hqs. Till date 04 Hunar Hubs

have been sanctioned by the Empowered Committee on the basis of proposals received from the States of Kerala, Maharashtra and Meghalaya. Details of these projects are available on the website of the Ministry at <http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/empowered-committee-minutes>

Ministry also has an ongoing scheme for Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development (USTTAD) which was launched on 14th May, 2015 to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities. The scheme aims at capacity building and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans; documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; set standards for traditional skills; training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; and develop national and international market linkages. The training component of the scheme was started from 2016-17.

Further, Hunar Haat is implemented as a component of the USTTAD scheme. The Hunar Haat is an effective platform wherein opportunity is given to minority artisans and culinary experts from across the country to showcase and market their finest handicraft and exquisitely crafted products. So far, 14 Hunar Haats have been organized through National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) and Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) since November, 2016.
