

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2769
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2019

USTTAD SCHEME

2769. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of training programmes conducted for the minority people in the country under USTTAD scheme so far; and

(b) whether such training programmes are conducted for minority people in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (b) Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development (USTTAD) scheme 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, 14 Hunar Haats have been organized so far under the Scheme. The details of the Scheme Guidelines are also available in public domain on the USTTAD Scheme Portal, i.e., usttad.minorityaffairs.gov.in/. So far, 16,200 artisans have been trained and training for another 7560 artisans has commenced.

While no project under USTTAD Scheme is currently implemented in Tamil Nadu, any proposals to that effect are considered subject to eligibility.
