

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2388**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020**

**SUBSIDY TO ARTISANS UNDER SOLAR CHARKHA MISSION**

2388. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:  
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing any subsidy to the artisans under Solar Charkha Mission;
- (b) if so, the amount of subsidy being provided under the said mission;
- (c) the number of artisans who have availed the said subsidy till date, particularly in Gujarat, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is likely to help the Government in development of green economy and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of clusters operating under Solar Charkha Mission including Gujarat and Bihar, State-wise; and
- (f) the number of artisans to whom employment has been provided under the said mission?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a)& (b): The scheme Mission Solar Charkha is enterprise driven scheme and envisages setting up of 'Solar Charkha Clusters' which will have 200 to 2042 beneficiaries (Spinners, Weavers, Stitchers and other skilled artisans). Each spinner will be given two charkhas of 10 spindles each. As part of the scheme no subsidy is given, however subsidy to the tune of Rs.9.60 crore is provided for procurement of charkha and looms to the Implementing or Promoting Agency for a full-scale Solar Charkha Cluster involving a total investment of about Rs.38.625 crore.

(c) to (f): Based on the success of a pilot project on Solar Charkha, set up at Khanwa village, Nawada District, Bihar in 2016 which benefitted about 1180 artisans, Government of India accorded approval to set up 50 such clusters. As part of the scheme based on the Expression of Interest (EOI), a total of 10 proposals have been approved under Mission Solar Charkha till date which is expected to benefit about 13784 artisans/workers. The States where Solar Charkha clusters are approved are as follows:

State	Amount of subsidy (Rs. lakh)	No. of Solar Charkha clusters	No. of beneficiaries
Chhattisgarh	578.49	1	1200
Gujarat	405.45	1	1000
Karnataka	1920.49	2	4042
Maharashtra	1336.76	2	2742
Odisha	676.25	1	1400
Rajasthan	959.95	1	2000
Uttar Pradesh	754.26	2	1400
<b>Total</b>	<b>6631.65</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13784</b>

These solar charkhas are to be operated using solar power which is a renewable energy source. It will help in development of Green Economy as it is an environment friendly programme. It will also generate sustainable employment for the artisans.

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