

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.941  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2020

WELFARE AND EMPLOYMENT OF ARTISANS/CRAFTS MEN

941. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

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

- (a) whether the scheme being implemented by the Government for welfare and employment of artisans/crafts men engaged in handicrafts sector has not adequately benefited them, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to assess the schemes being implemented for the development of handicraft sector and handloom weavers in the country especially Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the funds released for the implementation of these schemes are not being fully utilized; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the shortcomings found in each scheme and the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) No Sir, welfare schemes under National Handicrafts Development Programme implemented by office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) for handicrafts artisans and craftsmen are effective in extending the benefit to them in terms of employment and growth. The number of artisans benefitted across the country as on date through following components of welfare schemes are as under :-

Sl. No.	Component	No. of artisans benefitted
i)	Issuance of Photo identity card to handicrafts artisans under PAHCHAN initiatives	25.27 lakhs artisans registered
ii)	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yoajan/Pradhan Mantri Surkasha Bima Yojana and modified Aam Admi Bima Yojana	10,634 artisans enrolled during 2018-19 (1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2018 to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019)
iii)	Interest subvention to handicrafts artisans availing MUDRA loan.	7,622 artisans
iv)	Margin money to the handicrafts artisans availing	84 artisans

	MUDRA loan	
v)	Financial support to mastercraftspersons in indigent circumstances.	246 artisans

Source : Life Insurance Corporation, Punjab National Bank and field offices of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

In addition to above, the artisans benefitted through other development schemes of the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) during the years 2017-18 and 2018-19 are as under :-

Sl.	Name of the Scheme	No. of artisans benefitted	
		2017-18	2018-19
1.	Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY)	55,000	10,500
2.	Marketing & Support Services	15,987	11,513
3.	Design and Technical Upgradation	3,880	6,550
4.	Human Resource Development	5,670	6,700
5.	Research and Development	400	1,050
6.	Welfare scheme (Financial support to artisans in indigent circumstances)	257	273
7	Mega clusters	23,185	19,328

- (b) Yes Sir, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party evaluation to assess all the scheme for development of handicraft sector across the country including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu has been initiated.
- (c) to (d) No Sir, the details of funds utilized during last 3 years in Handicrafts sector schemes is given in **Annexure-I**, Further, the State agencies dealing with handicrafts sector are advised from time to time for speedy implementation of the schemes to fully utilize the sanctioned grant.

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## ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 941  
for answer on 07.02.2020

FUNDS SANCTIONED AND UTILISED DURING THE YEARS 2016-17 TO 2019-20 UPTO JANUARY, 2020 (Value in Rs. Crores)									
Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
		Final grant	Utilized	Final grant	Utilized	Revised Estimates	Utilized	Budget estimates	Utilized
1.	Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY)	4.00	4.00	7.00	7.00	3.60	2.87	11.50	3.05
2.	Marketing & Support Services	51.00	50.37	45.00	43.87	39.80	30.93	55.00	28.43
3.	Design and Technical Upgradation	17.00	17.43	18.10	17.50	17.60	14.38	30.16	16.45
4.	Human Resource Development	23.50	23.94	14.60	13.86	17.79	17.01	26.15	17.00
5.	Research and Development	9.88	9.57	5.30	5.27	3.70	3.23	9.65	7.89
6.	Welfare scheme (Financial support to artisans in indigent circumstances)	13.50	13.42	14.03	11.35	8.83	8.58	15.71	4.03
7.	Mega clusters	57.57	56.48	15.22	8.28	13.50	8.30	34.98	27.11
8.	Infrastructure (Capital)	10.00	9.92	3.00	2.10	28.27	0	16.71	10.71

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