

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1769  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

MNREGA SCHEME

1769. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes any scheme to include Handloom Weavers and other Artisans in MNREGA Scheme to avoid Demographic imbalance and Social Problems due to migration of Potters, Metal and Wood or Stone carving, weaving and Printing workers as well as for convenience of their traditional occupation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

उत्तर  
ANSWER  
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

**(a) to (c):** There is no such proposal under consideration at present. MNREGA is a demand driven right-based wage employment programme which envisages employment to the rural households willing to do manual work. On the other hand handloom and handicraft sectors are traditional sectors which provide self-employment to the weavers and artisans.

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