

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 611  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

CRAFT CLUSTERS

611. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) the number of craft clusters that are set up in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether these craft clusters are successful in facilitating innovative designs, technologies and capabilities for sustainable growth;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of operational craft clusters in the country including Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of financial and other assistance provided/utilized in setting up of craft clusters during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (f) whether the Government has evaluated the sick and closed down clusters and their financial conditions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for improving the financial condition of the clusters?

उत्तर  
ANSWER

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

**(a) to (c):** Yes Sir, under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY), the Government has taken initiative for adoption of viable craft clusters across the country and provision of need based interventions like design & technology upgradation, marketing platforms, distribution of tool-kits, welfare programmes, seminar and awareness camps. Total 138 clusters have been adopted and developed in last three years by ensuring self-sustenance of the SHG/artisans of these clusters including Gujarat State. State wise number of beneficiaries covered under AHVY during the last three years is enclosed in Annexure-I.

**(d) to (g):** Yes Sir. The evaluations have been done across the country to assess the cluster activities. As per recommendation of the evaluation report, Govt. organized 670 chaupals/shivirs all over the country for providing aadhar link pahchan card, facilitating the artisans through MUDRA loan and for onboarding the artisans on the Government e-Marketing (GeM) portal and making them aware of the e-commerce market. Further, the revised Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) Scheme considering the recommendation of Evaluation Report envisages taking up more viable craft clusters across the country covering SC, ST, Women, specially abled, tourism and export potential clusters. The Govt. is in the mode of forming producer companies now in various craft clusters across the country in view of increasing entrepreneurship and income of the artisans.

## ANNEXURE-I

Annexure refers to Part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 611 for answer on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECT BENEFICIARIES UNDER AHVY SCHEME (2019-2022)

Sr. No.	State	Total Beneficiary
1	A & N Islands	1,360
2	Andhra Pradesh	5,546
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,230
4	Assam	11,020
5	Bihar	4,386
6	Chandigarh	60
7	Chhattisgarh	1,150
8	Delhi	6,710
9	Goa	1,100
10	<b>Gujarat</b>	12,582
11	Haryana	1,440
12	Himachal Pradesh	2,306
13	Jammu and Kashmir	10,962
14	Jharkhand	2,850
15	Karnataka	4,880
16	Kerala	4,700
17	Ladakh	1,100
18	Madhya Pradesh	7,310
19	Maharashtra	8,960
20	Manipur	8,596
21	Meghalaya	2,476
22	Mizoram	1,000
23	Nagaland	1,930
24	Odisha	5,666
25	Puducherry	2,120
26	Punjab	1,470
27	Rajasthan	9,022
28	Sikkim	1,260
29	Tamil Nadu	7,012
30	Telangana	2,780
31	Tripura	2,380
32	Uttar Pradesh	31,464
33	Uttarakhand	2,470
34	West Bengal	5,910
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>1,75,208</b>

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