

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *200
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF ARTISANS AND CRAFTSMEN

*200. SHRI RAJEEV RAI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for skill development of artisans and craftsmen in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any of these skill development schemes/programmes also include imparting advanced training to loom weavers, particularly in Mau and Ballia districts of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the financial outlay for these two districts during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *200 ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024 REGARDING 'SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF ARTISANS AND CRAFTSMEN'

(a) to (d) Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM) , the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres / institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society including the artisans and craftsman like loom weavers.

The government has prioritized the development of artisans and craftsmen by offering skill enhancement programs tailored to their unique needs. Programs under PMKVY certify and upskill artisans and craftsmen based on their existing expertise, and specialized training. The concerned Sector Skill Councils collaborate with industry experts to ensure the training aligns with market trends and consumer demands. As on 31.10.2024, total 534 candidates in Mau and 256 candidates in Ballia have been trained/oriented in Traditional Hand Embroiderer job role under PMKVY.

Out of the 28 job roles under JSS scheme, 6 job roles are relevant for artisans and craftsman. Since 2022-23 up to 10.11.2024, JSS Mau Nath Bhanjan and JSS Ballia have been trained 659 and 640 candidates respectively in the Assistant Hand Embroidery Job role

PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on 17.09.2023 to provide end-to-end support to traditional artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands and tools and to uplift the socio-economic status of traditional artisans and craftsmen by providing them with skill upgradation training, access to modern tools, financial assistance through credit support, and market linkages to enhance their productivity and quality of products. Under Skill development component of PM Vishwakarma, the basic training of 5-7 days and advanced training of 15 days or more, with a stipend of Rs. 500 per day. The Scheme covers artisans and craftsmen engaged in 18 trades given at **Annexure**. Since inception of the scheme up to 10.11.2024, 10,22,244 candidates have been trained across pan India, which includes 1,423 and 1,331 in district of Ballia and Mau, respectively.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) implemented skill development scheme for artisans and craftsmen namely 'upgrading the skills and training in traditional arts crafts for development (USTTAD)' for six notified minority communities which was launched in 2015 for targeted capacity building and upgrading of the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans. Since inception of the scheme, approx. 21,611 beneficiaries were trained. Under the USTTAD Scheme, 71 beneficiaries were provided training in Zari Zardozi in Mau District and 28 were provided training in Chicankari in Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh.

Ministry of Textiles is implementing Samrath (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector) with the objective to provide demand driven, placement-oriented skilling programmes to supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textiles and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding Spinning and Weaving in organized sector. Samarth is pan India Scheme with no state or region-specific allocation of training target. Under Samarth Scheme, O/o Development Commissioner (Handlooms) has trained 3052 weavers and O/o Development Commissioner (Handcrafts) has trained 3190 artisans as on 04.12.2024, in State of Uttar Pradesh .

Fund are not released directly to the districts under the schemes of MSDE. Funds under PMKVY and JSS schemes are released to implementing agencies for meeting the training cost as per prescribed norms. The funds released under PMKVY to the State of Uttar Pradesh are Rs. 196.49 Cr during last three years up to 2023-24. Funds are being released under JSS scheme to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) directly. The funds released to the NGOs in the State of Uttar Pradesh are Rs. 74.81Cr during last three years up to 2023-24. Under NAPS, the establishments are incentivized by way of stipend support. Day to day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Government/ UT Administration.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) to (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 200* ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024 REGARDING 'SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF ARTISANS AND CRAFTSMEN'

Details of artisans and craftsmen engaged in 18 trades under PM Vishwakarma Scheme:

S. No	Trade name
1.	Tailor (Darzi)
2.	Masons (Mistri)
3.	Carpenter (Suthar)
4.	Barbers (Naai)
5.	Malakaar
6.	Washerman (Dhobi)
7.	Basket Maker/Basket Weaver: Mat Maker/ Coir Weaver/ Broom Maker
8.	Blacksmith (Lohar)
9.	Potter (Kumhar)
10.	Sculptor (Moortikar)/ Stone Carver / Stone Breaker
11.	Goldsmith (Sunar)
12.	Fishing Net Makers
13.	Hammer And Tool Kit Maker
14.	Cobbler (Charmkar)/ Shoemaker/ Footwear Makers
15.	Doll & Toy Maker (Traditional)
16.	Armourer
17.	Boat Maker
18.	Locksmith
