

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1450
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

PM VISHWAKARMA SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1450. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is true that out of 75,000 enrollments under PM Vishwakarma Scheme made by artisans from Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh only about 12,000 have been selected for issuing e-vouchers for toolkits;
- (b) whether it is also true that only 1200 artisans have been sanctioned loans;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to include more artisans under PM Vishwakarma Scheme from Nellore?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): The PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on 17.09.2023 to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople of 18 trades who work with their hands and tools. As of 10.02.2025, 75,780 applications have been received from Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh. Out of these, 12,497 applicants have been successfully registered under the Scheme after a three-stage verification process at the Gram Panchayat/ULB level, District level, and Central level. Of the successfully registered beneficiaries, skill verification has been completed for 3,294 beneficiaries, and skill training has been completed for 2,862 beneficiaries, who are eligible for the e-voucher for toolkits. Of these, 2,741 beneficiaries have been issued e-vouchers for toolkits.

(b) & (c): As of 10.02.2025, out of the 2,862 skill-trained beneficiaries who are eligible for the loan, loans have been sanctioned to 1,272 beneficiaries.

(d): Under the Scheme, various outreach programmes, trade fairs and State-level exhibitions are organised across the country to spread awareness about the benefits of the Scheme, with funding from the Government of India. These initiatives aim to reach artisans, including those in Nellore, to include more and more artisans under PM Vishwakarma.
