LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3771 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2025

TRAINING UNDER NHDP

3771. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP);
- (b) whether any skill development, training and financial assistance is given under NHDP by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that only one artisan in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh is benefited from skill development, training, financial assistance under NHDP during the last three years i.e., 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide more and more artisans skill development, training and financial assistance from Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिटा**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

- (a): The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) under the aegis of Ministry of Textiles implements two schemes namely National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for overall development and promotion of handicrafts sector across the country. Under these schemes, need based financial assistance is provided for end-to-end support to the artisans through marketing events, skill development, cluster development, formation of Producer Companies, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support and research & development support which benefit the traditional crafts and artisans throughout the country.
- **(b):** Under NHDP scheme various kind of skill development programmes such as Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Programme (GSHPP), Comprehensive Skill Upgradation Programme (CSUP) and Design and Technology Development Workshop (DTDW) helps to create skill development in handicrafts sector. Financial assistance @ Rs.8,000/- per month is provided to the awardee artisans in indigent circumstances.
- (c) & (d): In Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh total 61 artisans were benefitted under skill development, training programmes, financial assistance under NHDP scheme during last three years i.e. 2022-23 to 2024-25.
- (e): To provide skill development, training & financial assistance to more & more artisans, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) organises Chaupals, Workshops and Seminars across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh to create awareness about the schemes of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts).
