

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4637
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025

SFURTI in Tamil Nadu

4637. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:
SHRI NAVASKANI K:
SHRI SELVAM G:

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

- (a) the number of traditional industry clusters approved and operational under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) in the State of Tamil Nadu including Kanchipuram district during the last five years, district and sector-wise;
- (b) the total funds sanctioned, released and utilized under the SFURTI scheme in Tamil Nadu during the said period;
- (c) whether the scheme has resulted in employment generation and income enhancement of artisans and traditional industry workers in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote value addition, design development, marketing support and infrastructure improvement in SFURTI clusters in Tamil Nadu;
- (e) whether any new proposals from Tamil Nadu are under consideration for the establishment of additional SFURTI clusters; and
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to expand the SFURTI scheme to cover more traditional crafts and underdeveloped regions of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), 10 clusters have been approved in last 5 years in the state of Tamil Nadu, with a total committed Government of India (GoI) assistance of Rs 19.69 Crore, out of which 3 are functional. 3,429 traditional artisans are proposed to be benefitted in these clusters. No cluster proposal under SFURTI has been received in the Ministry from Kanchipuram district of Tamil Nadu. District and sector-wise details of these clusters along with GoI assistance sanctioned, released and utilized are provided at *Annexure-I*.

(c): As per available data, a total of 23,197 artisans have been reported to be benefitted across all 19 functional clusters in Tamil Nadu under SFURTI.

(d): Under SFURTI, the Ministry of MSME has undertaken several measures in Tamil Nadu to promote value addition, design development, marketing support and infrastructure improvement. These include training programmes on Jacquard design, millet and turmeric processing, palm leaf and leather products, exposure visits to institutions like Central Silk Board and Sri Vastra Design Centre, and product diversification training through Weavers Service Centre, Salem. For marketing support, a dedicated e-commerce platform has been launched for few clusters, buyer-seller meets and tie-ups with organic stores and FPOs facilitated, and exposure visits to major markets organised. Infrastructure support has been provided through installation of machinery such as a silk twisting machine, paddy processing machine, packaging equipment for turmeric and a solar drier.

(e) and (f): The Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) was in continuation till 30.9.2022. Hence, no new proposals are being approved.

Annexure-I referred to in part (a) & (b) of reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4637, due for answer on 21.08.2025.

District and Sector wise details of clusters along with GoI assistance sanctioned, released and utilized in Tamil Nadu in the last five years:

S. No	District	Sector	Cluster Name	Total Artisans Proposed to be benefitted	GoI Assistance Sanctioned (INR in Lakhs)	GoI Assistance Released (INR in Lakhs)	GoI Assistance Utilized (INR in Lakhs)
1	Ranipet	Agro	Turmeric Cluster	310	223.46	165.49	165.49
2			Velampudur Jaggery and Value-added Products Cluster	311	180.47	123.471	123.471
3	Salem	Textile	Mecheri Handloom Cluster	493	249.4	249.4	249.4
4	Thanjavur	Handicraft	Thanjavur Dolls and Multi products Cluster, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu	218	139.2	0	0
5	Tiruchirappalli	Textile	Trichy Garments Cluster	327	197.2	147.10	147.10
6	Tiruvannamalai	Agro	Mukkurumbai Rice and Millets Value Added Products Cluster	370	222.09	200.8118	200.8118
7	Tuticorin	Honey	Mudalur Beekeeping Cluster	400	216.26	20.00	20.00
8	Vellore	Handicraft	Palm Leaves Toys and Leather Products Cluster	460	232	187.647	122.65
9	Villupuram	Handicraft	Cuddalore Sarvodaya Sangh Pottery Cluster	145	118.32	54.22	54.22
10		Agro	Villupuram Natural Indigo Cluster	395	191.4	68.09	68.09