

NATIONAL HANDICRAFTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the details regarding number of artisans covered under the various components of the National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) till January 2026;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided directly to the artisans and artisan groups under the NHDP including assistance extended for equipment, raw materials, marketing and infrastructure;
- (c) whether the participation of the Indian handicraft artisans and exporters in international exhibitions, fairs and buyer-seller meets has increased during this period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with comparative figures & the key markets targeted; and
- (e) the details regarding total number of the beneficiaries in Sidhi Parliamentary constituency?

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(a): A total of 4,82,678 number of artisans were covered under various components of the National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP) during the FY 2021-22 to 2025-26.

(b): Under the National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) Scheme, financial assistance is provided to eligible agencies/artisans for skilling, design development workshops, infrastructural support, marketing of handicrafts products in domestic & international markets, concessional loans under artisans mudra loan and Social Security etc. A total of Rs. 821.02 Crore expenditure has been incurred under NHDP Scheme during the FY 2021-22 to 2025-26.

(c) & (d): Under Marketing Services & Support component of NHDP, artisan/exporters are deputed to participate in international fairs, thematic exhibitions, road shows abroad, Buyer Seller Meets and Reverse Buyer Seller Meets and in International Craft Exposure Programme. Further, awardee artisans are also nominated for live craft demonstrations under cultural exchange programs. Number of artisans/exporters participated in international marketing events during FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 is given below:

Head wise details	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Artisans/ Exporters	437	585	648	929	1,114
Key Market (Countries)	2	8	7	16	13

(e): A total of 168 number of artisans benefitted in Sidhi Parliamentary constituency during the FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 under NHDP scheme.