

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6425
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

PM VISHWAKARMA SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA

6425. SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:

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

- (a) whether the Government can provide district-wise data for tribal-dominated districts of Maharashtra on the number of artisans registered, trained and certified under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, along with details of toolkits distributed and trades covered such as carpentry, bamboo craft, blacksmithy, tailoring and pottery, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a significant number of tribal artisans from these districts have been onboarded on the scheme's digital platform and if so, the details thereof and the number of beneficiaries who have availed collateral-free credit and interest subvention up to January 2026;
- (c) whether Government has reviewed the scheme's outcomes in tribal areas of Maharashtra in terms of income enhancement, repeat credit uptake and linkage with local, forest-produce and e-commerce markets and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether steps are being taken to expand outreach in remote tribal belts through mobile registration camps, vernacular training modules and coordination with Tribal Development Departments and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): PM Vishwakarma scheme was launched on 17.09.2023, to provide end-to-end holistic support to artisans and craftspeople of 18 traditional trades who work with their hands and tools. District-wise data for tribal-dominated districts of Maharashtra on the number of artisans registered, trained and certified under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, along with details of toolkits distributed and trades covered such as carpentry, bamboo craft, blacksmith, tailoring and pottery is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): The number of beneficiaries who have availed collateral-free credit and interest subvention up from tribal-dominated districts of Maharashtra, upto January 2026 is at **Annexure -II**.
- (c): The successfully registered artisans, after three levels of verifications, are eligible to avail of all benefits of the Scheme including Skill upgradation, credit support, modern toolkits, digital incentive and marketing support. Through skill upgradation, beneficiaries' skills are enhanced and they are introduced to modern tools, best practices and innovative designs, along with marketing and entrepreneurial knowledge. The beneficiaries are also on-boarded on Udyam Assist Platform to be eligible for availing of benefits under various government schemes, including priority sector lending to scale-up their operations, modernize/upgrade their tools and business and enter the formal economy as entrepreneurs and contribute towards the larger goal of nation building.

(d): In order to ensure equitable access to the scheme for all artisans and craftsmen, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has undertaken a series of initiatives to spread awareness about PM Vishwakarma scheme. More than 760 awareness programmes/camps, over 50 workshops, 50 trade fairs, 34 State-level exhibitions and more than 50 flash mobs have been organized across the country, including the tribal dominated districts of the Maharashtra.

The Ministry has also undertaken extensive publicity through social media campaigns, radio jingles on All India Radio, newspaper advertisements, hoardings, digital displays and audio announcements in local languages at various public locations. To further enhance accessibility and ensure wider outreach, PM Vishwakarma Guidelines and Handbook for various trades have been translated into 12 regional languages is available in public domain. In addition, Awareness programmes in every district are being organised in collaboration with State Governments/ UT Administrations to disseminate awareness in local languages under the Scheme.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 6425 for answer on 02.04.2026.

District	Registrations	Basic Skill Training	Toolkit Delivered (ALL TRADES)	Carpenter	Basket/ Mat/ Broom Maker/ Coir Weaver	Metal Smith/ Metal Caster	Tailor	Potter
Amravati	24,101	20,740	16,951	1,996	442	683	3,741	377
Bhandara	19,567	15,478	11,741	1,437	259	710	1,841	-
Chandrapur	14,323	12,105	7,686	1,257	350	514	1,397	-
Dhule	2,188	1,316	584	288	3	84	16	-
Gadchiroli	6,655	5,337	3,361	639	22	145	595	-
Gondia	8,711	7,012	4,026	1,097	171	436	247	-
Jalgaon	6,570	4,824	2,258	156	212	105	14	-
Nagpur	16,643	13,108	10,020	1,868	72	691	2,177	22
Nandurbar	3,537	2,153	727	233	38	140	29	-
Nashik	10,470	7,812	4,988	1,136	265	308	7	213
Palghar	3,788	1,748	496	127	-	33	26	-
Yavatmal	12,677	11,510	8,424	1,632	315	624	652	-

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 6425 for answer on 02.04.2026

District	No. of Loans Sanctioned	Sanction Amount (Rs. in Crore)	Interest Subvention (Rs. in Lakh)
Amravati	5,871	47.57	82.55
Bhandara	3,218	28.85	52.16
Chandrapur	2,303	19.40	29.31
Dhule	543	5.21	12.83
Gadchiroli	1,431	11.01	13.16
Gondia	1,712	16.05	30.87
Jalgaon	955	7.39	15.13
Nagpur	3,154	29.36	84.83
Nandurbar	598	5.86	12.08
Nashik	2,598	24.31	69.73
Palghar	152	1.25	2.53
Yavatmal	3,330	24.73	40.59