

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.728  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2015

**ARTISAN GROUPS**

728. SHRI CHAND NATH:

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

- (a) the total number of artisans in the country and the number of groups in which they are working in the country including Rajasthan, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to such groups of artisans; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर

ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार)  
MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

**(a) to (c):** Based on the existing census undertaken so far, the number of handicrafts artisans in the country has been estimated at 68.86 lakhs. List of groups of artisans and financial assistance provided to them under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana Scheme state-wise, during the year 2015-16, is enclosed at Annexure-I

Referred to the reply to para (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Question No.728 to be answered on 3.12.2015

Artisans benefited & fund released under Ambedkar Hastashilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) Scheme During 2015-16 upto Nov. 2015				
Sl. No.	State	Number of Artisans Benefited	Number of Self Help Groups Benefited	Fund Released (Rs. In Lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	90	05	2.7
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	--	--	--
3.	Assam	485	24	26.61
4.	Bihar	150	08	7.2
5.	Chhattisgarh	60	03	3.18
6.	Delhi	120	06	6.3
7.	Gujarat	1230	62	65.26
8.	Haryana	1160	58	56.8
9.	Himachal Pradesh	440	22	10.6
10.	Jharkhand	330	17	19.61
11.	J & K	410	21	25.3
12.	Karnataka	850	42	42.3
13.	Kerala	70	04	5.3
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2420	120	138.46
15.	Maharashtra	130	07	10
16.	Manipur	575	29	39.3
17.	Meghalaya	--	--	--
18.	Mizoram	--	--	--
19.	Nagaland	100	05	6.3
20.	Orissa	150	08	15.67
21.	Punjab	800	40	51.3
22.	Rajasthan	610	30	36.57
23.	Tamil Nadu & Puducherry (UT)	250	12	8.8
24.	Tripura	--	--	--
25.	Uttar Pradesh	1560	76	127
26.	Uttaranchal	390	19	21.68
27.	West Bengal	700	35	39.03
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13080</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>765.27</b>

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