

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2026**

**WELFARE OF BACKWARD CLASS AND MINORITY ARTISANS IN
FIROZABAD'S GLASS INDUSTRY**

2675. SHRI AKSHAY YADAV:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that a significant share of Firozabad's glass and bangle workforce belongs to OBC, SC and minority communities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether targeted welfare support has been extended to them during the current slowdown, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries from Firozabad covered under National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation schemes or similar credit-linked welfare schemes during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Ministry has reviewed the socio-economic status of traditional artisan communities in Uttar Pradesh's industrial clusters, including access to scholarships and social security, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has considered introducing a dedicated welfare package for such distressed artisan communities during periods of industry-wide distress, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

- (a) & (b): No such specific information is available with the Ministry.
- (c): National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), a Schedule 'C' Central Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment promotes the socio-economic development of persons belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) having an annual family income of up to Rs. 5.00 Lakh by providing financial assistance in the form of loans under its Credit Based Schemes, at concessional rate of interest for income generating activities including education loans.

The amount disbursed and number of beneficiaries covered in Firozabad under NBCFDC lending schemes during the last three years is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of beneficiaries
1.	2023-24	6
2.	2024-25	2
3.	2025-26	1

National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), a Schedule 'C' Central Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment promotes the socio-economic development of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes having an annual family income of up to Rs. 5.00 Lakh by providing financial assistance in the form of loans under its Credit Based Schemes, at concessional rate of interest for income generating activities including education loans.

The number of beneficiaries from Firozabad covered under NSFDC's Credit Based Schemes during the last three years are given as under:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of beneficiaries
1.	2023-24	159
2.	2024-25	45
3.	2025-26	20

(d) & (e): No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.
