

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1368  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

CHCD SCHEME

1368. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) since its launch;
- (b) the details of amount sanctioned and number of artisans directly benefited under CHCDS in the State of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government plans to extend the coverage of CHCDS to create more mega cluster in Tamil Nadu and include more clusters under the cluster development mentor-ship programme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has introduced any policy for incorporation of digital technology for promotion of handicraft and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government for the welfare of artisans and promotion of handicrafts in the country?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a): Since its launch, under Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS),
- 9 Mega Clusters (Moradabad, Mirzapur-Bhadohi, Narsapur, Srinagar, Jodhpur Lucknow, Kachchh, Bareilly, and J&K (other crafts) have been completed.
  - 11 CHCDS projects in the states of Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Varanasi (Phase 1 & 2) and Himachal Pradesh have been successfully completed.
  - 4 CHCDS projects for the states of Gujarat, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Ladakh are under implementation.

**(b):** Under Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS), One project in Tamil Nadu has been sanctioned & completed in March 2021 wherein an amount of Rs. 10.19 Crore was sanctioned & completed and 12,993 beneficiaries were directly benefitted.

**(c):** CHCDS is a pan India scheme wherein the projects are sanctioned upon the submission of proposals from state government & its agencies. Extension of the coverage of CHCDS in the state of Tamil Nadu will depend on the submission of proposal as per the CHCDS guidelines.

**(d):** Under the CHCDS scheme, digital technology has been incorporated in the form of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), Management Information System (MIS) and interventions like E- Marketing, Web portal development etc.

**(e):** Other than CHCDS Scheme, O/O DC (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles is also implementing National Handicrafts Development Programme scheme for the welfare of artisans & promotion of handicrafts which has following components:

- Marketing Support & Services.
- Skill Development in Handicrafts Sector.
- Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.
- Direct Benefit to Artisans.
- Infrastructure and Technology Support.
- Research & development Scheme.

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