

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

PEHCHAN CARD SCHEME

2264. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRIMATI RAJASHREE MALLICK:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of “Pehchan” yojana launched for registering handicraft artisans in the entire country in the year 2016;
- (b) the number of artisans registered under the said scheme so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any provision to provide financial benefit/assistance to these registered handicrafts artisans under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of artisans benefitted so far; and
- (e) the details of other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the financial position of artisans in the country?

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ANSWER

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

- (a): PEHCHAN scheme was launched in 2016 to provide new identity to handicraft artisans so that the benefits of various schemes are provided to the deserving artisans. Aadhar linked Pehchan Cards are issued after due verification by field functionaries of Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles. Pehchan card holders can avail the benefits of all the handicrafts schemes implemented by Ministry of Textiles.
- (b): 31.14 lakhs handicraft artisans across the country have been registered as on 30.06.2023. The state-wise data of handicraft artisans is annexed as **Annexure -I**.
- (c): Registered artisans with Pehchan card can avail the benefits of the National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) of Ministry of Textiles.
- (d) to (e): The details of financial benefits /assistance provided to registered handicraft artisan under the schemes are as under:
- 1) Skill & Training upgradation, design development workshops, tool kit distributions, marketing platforms, infrastructural support.
 - 2) Individual benefits to artisans like Mudra loan, Interest Subvention and Margin Money on Mudra loan.
 - 3) Shilp Guru and National Awards to master artisans.
 - 4) Monthly pension of Rs. 8,000 to awardee artisans under indigent circumstances.

Total 1.17 lakhs artisans benefitted through various scheme of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) during the year 2022-23.

Annexure referred in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 2264 date 02.08.2023 regarding "Pahchan Card Scheme" answered on 02.08.2023.

S. No	States	Artisan Registered (as on 30.06.2023)
1	A & N Islands	3,201
2	Andhra Pradesh	64,663
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10,343
4	Assam	1,02,932
5	Bihar	1,39,616
6	Chhattisgarh	16,019
7	Delhi	21,309
8	Goa	10,041
9	Gujarat	1,37,816
10	Haryana	51,395
11	Himachal Pradesh	28,234
12	J & K	1,51,203
13	Jharkhand	1,07,940
14	Karnataka	42,577
15	Kerala	52,994
16	Ladakh	3,714
17	Madhya Pradesh	97,036
18	Maharashtra	74,423
19	Manipur	71,093
20	Meghalaya	6,192
21	Mizoram	6,006
22	Nagaland	13,723
23	Odisha	1,92,506
24	Pondicherry	17,560
25	Punjab	38,729
26	Rajasthan	1,62,651
27	Sikkim	3,116
28	Tamil Nadu	67,500
29	Telangana	44,677
30	Tripura	21,038
31	Uttar Pradesh	10,14,283
32	Uttarakhand	42,890
33	West Bengal	2,97,048
	Total	31,14,468
