

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:478  
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ARTISAN CLUSTERS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of artisan clusters working in the country particularly in Orissa location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified new locations for such clusters; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the financial status of functioning clusters at present?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a): Govt. implement a cluster development scheme for artians clusters by the name "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY)". Under the Scheme artisans clusters are supported for a period of 5 to 7 years. The number of artisans clusters presently working under the Scheme including the State of Orissa is 642. A statement indicating location wise details of artisans clusters functioning under AHVY is as per Annexure-A attached.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. During the current financial year i.e 2010-11, the new cluster which have been identified is as per Annexure-B attached.

The financial status of functioning of these clusters shall be assessed on the completion of the project.