

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:901
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ARTISANS CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government for development of artisans clusters and number of artisans clusters presently functioning thereunder alongwith their locations, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the financial and other support provided to such clusters alongwith its utilisation during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the financial status of these clusters alongwith the status of sick and closed clusters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to improve their financial status and re-open the closed clusters;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open new clusters and identified locations for the same; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Govt. implement a cluster development scheme for artisans clusters by the name "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY). Under the Scheme artisans clusters are supported for period of 5 to 7 years. The number of artisans clusters presently functioning under the scheme indicating the locations State wise/UT wise a statement under the AHVY is as per Annexure- I attached.
- (b): The financial support alongwith its utilizations during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise a statement indicating all the above is as per Annexure-II attached.
- (c): The financial status of these clusters shall be assessed on the completion of the project. In regard to sick and closed clusters are concerned there is no such instances brought to the notice during the mid term evaluation report of "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) recently.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e) & (f): Yes sir, new cluster identified to be opened during the current financial year, locations wise is per Annexure-III attached.