

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5401  
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CENSUS OF ARTISANS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted the census to ascertain the actual number of artisans in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the manner in which the said data is likely to be used to gather correct figures along with the steps taken by the Government to ascertain the correct data in respect of artisans?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The fresh census of Handicraft artisans was conducted during the year 1995-96 and the number of Handicraft artisans in the country were 47.61 Lakhs. The state wise break-up is annexed.

The census of Handicrafts artisans is now in progress. However as per the results made available on different parameters pertaining to Handicrafts sector based on enumeration undertaken till now, it is estimated that the number of artisans in the country during 2010-11 is 68.86 lakhs.

(c) The Government has engaged reputed agencies to complete the census of artisans (which is still in progress) which will help in govt. to ascertain the following:-

# Number of artisans by sectors of production, by location & by specific and major craft groups.

# Classifications artisans, by social status (SC/ST/OBC/minority, including its sub categories, below poverty line, by gender, by physical infirmity and age group.

# Sources of working capital, requirement of working capital and availability of credit

# Estimate of raw materials, production, value addition in different crafts sale and marketing channels through which manufactured products are sold

# Distribution of daily working hours and seasonal calendar

# Average wage rate in crafts, Annual household income from crafts, income from other sources, income from all sources and per capita income in different crafts

# Contribution of Handicrafts sector to the family income.

# Distribution of House hold by level of dependency on Handicraft activity.

# Identification of craft communities by their state wise, bringing out their economic status.

The complete census/enumeration being conducted by the agencies will help the Govt. to formulate the policy, planning and decision making in Handicrafts sector.

**ANNEXURE**

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5401 for answer on 29.04.2013

Statement Showing Number of Artisans (State-Wise) Employed in Handicrafts Sector

Sl.No.	State	Numbers of artisans
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1. Andhra Pradesh 121880
2. Arunachal Pradesh 15735
3. Assam 100482
4. Bihar 213115
5. Delhi 44904
6. Goa 1122
7. Gujarat 141970
8. Haryana 117933
9. Jammu & Kashmir 542119
10. Himachal Pradesh 49015
11. Karnataka 21779
12. Kerala 15258
13. Madhya Pradesh 51123
14. Maharashtra 112816

15. Manipur 379988

16. Meghalaya 53564

17. Mizoram 5260

18. Nagaland 79878

19. Orissa 69356

20. Punjab 101907

21. Rajasthan 407700

22. Sikkim 9768

23. Tamil Nadu 125342

24. Tripura 244495

25. Uttar Pradesh 1176529

26. West Bengal 554281

Union Territory

27. Andaman & Nicobar 1090

28. Chandigarh 430

29. Dadar & Nagar Haveli 111

30. Daman & Div 278

31. Lakshadweep 126

32. Pondicherry 1832

All India 4761186

Sources: Census conducted by NCAER in 1995-96