

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2823  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

CRAFT CLUSTERS

2823. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up craft clusters in the country with innovative designs, technologies and capabilities for inclusive and sustainable growth and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of operational craft clusters in the country including Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu along with the number of craftsmen operating in the said clusters;
- (c) the details of financial and other assistance provided/utilized in setting up of craft clusters during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up more clusters in Uttar Pradesh especially Jhansi & NER and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has evaluated the sick and closed down clusters and their financial conditions;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken for improving the financial condition of the said clusters and reviving the closed clusters; and
- (g) the other steps taken by the Government to set up more craft clusters in the country?

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ANSWER

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

**(a) to (c):** Yes Sir. The Government has taken initiative for adoption of viable craft clusters across the country and need based interventions like design & technology upgradation, marketing platforms, distribution of tool-kits, welfare programmes, seminar and awareness camps have been provided to these clusters. Further, for formalization of clusters, artisan-based Producer Companies have been conceptualized and 56 producer companies have been formed across the country so far covering Export Oriented craft cluster, SC, ST, Women Clusters, linking with Tourism Spot and aspirational districts for overall development of cluster artisans. Total 138 clusters have been adopted in last three years in which 27 are in Uttar Pradesh, 9 in Maharashtra, 6 in Tamil Nadu and 4 in Tripura. State wise number of beneficiaries covered under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana and financial assistance provided to them in the last three years is enclosed in Annexure-I.

(d) to (g): The evaluations have been done across the country to assess the cluster activities. As per recommendation of the evaluation report, Govt. organized 670 chaupals/shivirs all over the country for providing Aadhar linked Pahchan cards, facilitating the artisans through MUDRA loan and for onboarding the artisans on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal and making them aware of the e-commerce market. Further, the revised Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) Scheme, considering the recommendation of Evaluation Reports envisages taking up more viable craft clusters across the country covering SC, ST, Women, specially abled, tourism and export potential clusters. The Govt. continues to take up viable craft clusters across the country.

## ANNEXURE-I

Annexure refers to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2823 for answer on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARY UNDER AHVY SCHEME (2018-2021)

Sr. No.	State	Total Beneficiary
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1460
2	Andhra Pradesh	2950
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2730
4	Assam	6200
5	Bihar	3075
6	Chhattisgarh	1405
7	Goa	500
8	Gujarat	8100
9	Haryana	1283
10	Himachal Pradesh	1810
11	Jammu & Kashmir	5770
12	Jharkhand	2429
13	Karnataka	2750
14	Kerala	1520
15	Ladakh	500
16	Madhya Pradesh	7200
<b>17</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>11349</b>
18	Manipur	1545
19	Meghalaya	1800
20	Mizoram	1000
21	Nagaland	1400
22	New Delhi	1405
23	Odisha	3055
24	Puducherry	660
25	Punjab	1600
26	Rajasthan	4618
27	Sikkim	1160
<b>28</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>1860</b>
29	Telangana	3250
<b>30</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>1520</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>10090</b>
32	Uttarakhand	1905
33	West Bengal	3038
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>100937</b>

Year-wise Details			
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Sanctioned Amount (In Crores)	12.91	16.99	29.90

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