



16,200 trainees sanctioned to the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) in the States under USTTAD scheme during 2016-17

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Under the USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) scheme, 16,200 trainees have been sanctioned including 600 trainees for state of Rajasthan to the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) in December, 2016 to March, 2017 during 2016-17 for training in 34 traditional arts/crafts for the first time. State-wise details of trainees sanctioned including Rajasthan to the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) are given below in table.

Total 38 Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) have been empanelled under USTTAD. Two (2) Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) have been sanctioned trainees for the State of Rajasthan during 2016-17. As per scheme guidelines, 33% seats under USTTAD are earmarked for girl trainees.

Out of Budgetary Allocation (BE) of Rs. 20.00 crore for 2016-17, 19.77 crore has been utilized during 2016-17.

Number of trainees sanctioned to the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) in the States including Rajasthan under USTTAD scheme during 2016-17

S. No.	State	Number of trainees sanctioned
1	ASSAM	1500
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	300
3	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2700
4	MADHYA PRADESH	1500
5	MAHARASHTRA	300
6	MANIPUR	600
7	MIZORAM	300
8	PUNJAB	600
9	RAJASTHAN	600
10	UTTAR PRADESH	6900
11	WEST BENGAL	900
	Total	16200

This information was given by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, the Minister of State (IC) for Minority Affairs, in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

