LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1922 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025

REGISTERED ARTISANS

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

- (a) the total number of artisans registered in the country, State-wise and district-wise in Rajasthan State;
- (b) the details of schemes or initiatives launched by the Government to support artisans, including financial assistance, training and market access for them;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the upliftment and efficiency of the artisans in rural and remote areas;
- (d) the total number of the artisans benefited from these schemes, State-wise and district-wise particularly Rajasthan during the last three years; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to protect traditional and cultural handicrafts from being extinct to modern technological advancements?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र मंत्री (**श्री गिरिराज सिंह**) MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (e): The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) under the aegis of Ministry of Textiles implements two schemes namely National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for overall development and promotion of handicrafts sector across the country. Under these schemes, need based financial assistance is provided for end-to-end support to the artisans through marketing events, skill development, cluster development, formation of Producer Companies, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support, research and development support etc. which benefit the traditional crafts and artisans throughout the country including rural areas. Further, this office also provides necessary financial support for registration of crafts under GI Act 1999, to give crafts specific recognition to help promote and preserve handicrafts being extinct to modern technological advancements.

The total number artisans registered in the country, State-wise and district-wise in Rajasthan State is enclosed at **Annexure-I**. and the state-wise total number of the artisans benefited under NHDP and CHCDS schemes during the last three year and current year i.e. from 2021-22 to 2024-25 is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1922 for answer on 11.03.2025.

State-wise total number of artisans registered under Pahchaan initiative:

S. No	State/ UTs	Number of Artisans		
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	2,872		
2.	Andhra Pradesh	66,013		
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	10,391		
4.	Assam	1,03,057		
5.	Bihar	1,18,831		
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	79		
7.	Chhattisgarh	17,595		
8.	Delhi	22,882		
9.	Goa	10,006		
10.	Gujarat	1,37,768		
11.	Haryana	33,040		
12.	Himachal Pradesh	28,257		
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,19,964		
14.	Jharkhand	97,471		
15.	Karnataka	44,176		
16.	Kerala	54,116		
17.	Ladakh	1,398		
18.	Ladakh (UT)	2,105		
19.	Lakshadweep (U.T.)	320		
20.	Madhya Pradesh	96,755		
21.	Maharashtra	73,604		
22.	Manipur	75,734		
23.	Meghalaya	6,104		
24.	Mizoram	3,914		
25.	Nagaland	13,174		
26.	Odisha	1,75,974		
27.	Puducherry	8,156		
28.	Punjab	32,660		
29.	Rajasthan	1,69,292		
30.	Sikkim	2,674		
31.	Tamil Nadu	77,781		
32.	Telangana	43,858		
33.	Tripura	20,499		
34.	Uttar Pradesh	9,95,540		
35.	Uttarakhand	42,037		
36.	West Bengal	2,87,575		
	Total	29,95,672		

District-wise number of artisans registered under the Pahchaan initiative in the State of Rajasthan:

S. No.	District	Number of Artisans		
1.	Ajmer	4,223		
2.	Alwar	4,239		
3.	Baanswara	881		
4.	Bara	168		
5.	Baran	458		
6.	Barmer	26,645		
7.	Bharatpur	592		
8.	Bhilwara	2,226		
9.	Bikaner	5,860		
10.	Bundi	742		
11.	Chhitorgarh	1,509		
12.	Churu	7,612		
13.	Dausa	4,459		
14.	Dholpur	155		
15.	Dungerpur	660		
16.	Ganganagar	4,131		
17.	Hanumangarh	3,804		
18.	Jaipur	32,357		
19.	Jaisalmer	3,701		
20.	Jalore	1,849		
21.	Jhalwar	345		
22.	Jhunjhunu	2,950		
23.	Jodhpur	33,180		
24.	Karoali	144		
25.	Kota	509		
26.	Nagaur	3,579		
27.	Pali	3,130		
28.	Pratapgarh	1,246		
29.	Rajsamand	2,212		
30.	Sawaimadhopur	1,404		
31.	Sikar	3,729		
32.	Sirohi	1,398		
33.	Tonk	2,456		
34.	Udaipur	6,739		
	TOTAL	1,69,292		

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1922 for answer on 11.03.2025.

The State-wise number of the beneficiaries under the Scheme in 2022-23 and 2023-24

S.	STATE/UT'S	BENEFICIARIES		
No.		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	A & N Islands	800	590	190
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3,516	3,926	4,830
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1,260	620	380
4.	Assam	6,878	4,382	1,620
5.	Bihar	2,746	3,563	2,722
6.	Chandigarh	300	300	100
7.	Chhattisgarh	1,570	1,090	460
8.	Daman and Diu	0	50	0
9.	Delhi	4,900	1,790	2,536
10.	Goa	920	760	290
11.	Gujarat	10,962	6,222	4,238
12.	Haryana	2,350	1,971	1,174
13.	Himachal Pradesh	2,426	2,580	1,060
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	8,452	7,436	5,084
15.	Jharkhand	2,380	2,410	1,334
16.	Karnataka	4,530	3,814	2,050
17.	Kerala	3,720	2,471	1,024
18.	Ladakh	1,320	690	614
19.	Madhya Pradesh	5,360	5,101	23,714
20.	Maharashtra	5,470	3,990	3,416
21.	Manipur	6,466	2,923	1,324
22.	Meghalaya	2,226	900	550
23.	Mizoram	1,260	760	270
24.	Nagaland	2,250	1,060	410
25.	Odisha	5,006	4,590	2,574
26.	Puducherry	1,790	990	300
27.	Punjab	3,990	2,430	560
28.	Rajasthan	8,612	7,705	4,280
29.	Sikkim	840	930	270
30.	Tamil Nadu	4,742	3,000	2,034
31.	Telangana	1,960	2,040	2,564
32.	Tripura	1,290	1,030	10,990
33.	Uttar Pradesh	27,721	26,519	14,564
34.	Uttarakhand	3,090	2,160	640
35.	West Bengal	3,412	3,740	2,494
36.	All India (non-state specific)	0	0	2,655
37.	International Marketing	437	585	643
	TOTAL	1,44,952	1,15,118	1,03,958
