

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1238**  
ANSWERED ON- 11/02/2021

**SCHEME FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN TEXTILE SECTOR (SAMARTH)**

1238. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of SAMARTH Scheme being implemented from 2017;
- (b) whether the objective of providing employment-oriented training to 10 lakh people in various segments of textiles and one lakh traditional sectors has been achieved;
- (c) if so, the details of such training given to people in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise, and number of people employed so far; and
- (d) the impact, if any, on the above due to COVID-19 pandemic?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

**(a):** Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH) was approved towards addressing the skill gap in textile sector and also to supplement the efforts of textile industry in providing gainful and sustainable employment to the youth. The objectives of Samarth are as follows:

- i. To provide demand driven, placement oriented National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding Spinning and Weaving
- ii. To promote skilling and skill upgradation in the traditional sectors of handlooms, handicrafts, sericulture and jute
- iii. To enable provision of sustainable livelihood either by wage or self-employment to all sections of the society across the country

**(b) & (c):** The skilling programme under Samarth is implemented through Implementing Partners (IPs) comprising Textile Industry/ Industry Associations, State Government Agencies and Sectoral Organizations of Ministry of Textiles. The details of training targets allocated to various Implementing Partners after physical verification of training centres under the scheme are as follows:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Training targets allocated (in persons)</b>
Industry/ Industry Associations (Entry Level)	1,36,073
Industry/ Industry Associations (Up-skilling)	30,326
State Government Agencies	90,078
Sectoral Agencies	43,020
Industry Association working with MSME textile industries	34,572

Status of beneficiaries trained so far under Samarth Scheme in Andhra Pradesh is as follows:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>
1.	Anantapur	395
2.	Krishna	53
3.	SPSR Nellore	30
4.	West Godavari	30
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>508*</b>

\* 293 beneficiaries completed training, of which 85 have been provided placement.

**(d):** All training batches ongoing during March, 2020 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic and restriction imposed on account of lockdown declared by the Government. Further, the Government had allowed commencement of skill development training programme only from September, 2020. In view of the impact of COVID-19, the actual physical achievement and utilization of funds have been affected under the scheme. However, a special measure has been initiated during the period to carry out online Training of Trainers (ToT) programme and more than 500 trainers have been certified through online mode.

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