

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2516
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARTISANS UNDER WORKSHED SCHEME

2516. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provides financial assistance to artisans to construct workshed and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Khadi and other artisans benefitted under the workshed scheme in Maharashtra during each of last five years and the current year;
- (c) the total number of Khadi artisans who were provided assistance for construction of worksheds in the State of Maharashtra under the workshed scheme for Khadi artisans during the above said period; and
- (d) whether there is a great boost to the sale of Khadi products during each of the last three years and if so, the States which have contributed to the sale of Khadi products?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government provides financial assistance to artisans to construct workshed under the 'Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans', which is a demand driven scheme launched specially for artisans belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) Group. The aims and objectives of the scheme are to provide better work ambience, more storage space for raw material, etc., thereby providing sufficient space and congenial environment leading to enhanced production and earning. For construction of Individual Workshed, an assistance of Rs. 60,000 or 75% of the cost [90% for North Eastern Region (NER)], whichever is less, is provided. Whereas for Construction of Group Workshed, Rs. 40,000 per artisan or 75% of the cost (90% for NER), whichever is less, is provided.

(b)&(c): Number of Khadi and other artisans benefitted and assistance provided for construction of worksheds under the Workshed Scheme in **Maharashtra** during each of the last five years and the current year is as follows:

Year	Number of Artisans benefitted	Financial assistance (Rs. in lakh)
2017-18	20	12.00
2018-19	25	15.00
2019-20	0	0
2020-21	20	6.00
2021-22	0	0
2022-23 (Provisional)	0	0
Total	65	33.00

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(d): During the years 2019-20 and 2021-22, there was a rise in sale of Khadi from Rs. 4211.26 crore to Rs. 5051.71 crore. However, during 2021-22, the sales declined to Rs. 3527.72 crore due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Year	Khadi Sales (Rs. in crore)
2019-20	4211.26
2020-21	3527.72*
2021-22	5051.71

*sales declined due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The year wise details of top 3 major contributing States in Khadi Sales:

Year	1st	2nd	3rd
2019-20	Uttar Pradesh	West Bengal	Karnataka
2020-21	Uttar Pradesh	Karnataka	Tamil Nadu
2021-22	Uttar Pradesh	Karnataka	West Bengal
