

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1730
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023

OBJECTIVES OF PM VISHWAKARMA SCHEME

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

- (a) the objectives of launching PM Vishwakarma Scheme;
- (b) whether Government has launched Training of Master Trainers and Assessors Programme under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme recently, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of traditional trades covered initially under the Scheme and the number of families likely to be benefitted;
- (d) the implementing Ministries, the timeline, financial outlay and highlights of the Scheme; and
- (e) the stipend, incentives and significance of the Scheme?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The objective of the launching PM Vishwakarma Scheme is to enable / provide support to artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands, using tools, in the 18 trades covered through:
- (i) the recognition of artisans and craftspeople as Vishwakarma, making them eligible to avail all the benefits under the Scheme;
 - (ii) skill upgradation to hone their skills and make relevant and suitable training opportunities available to them;
 - (iii) support for better and modern tools to enhance their capability, productivity, and quality of products and services;
 - (iv) the beneficiaries an easy access to collateral free credit and reduce the cost of credit by providing interest subvention;
 - (v) incentives for digital transactions to encourage digital empowerment of Vishwakarmas; and
 - (vi) a platform for brand promotion and market linkages to help them access new opportunities for growth.
- (b): As per PM Vishwakarma Guidelines, the training will be delivered through experienced, certified trainers in classroom mode (*Guru – Shishya Parampara*), with training equipment and tools for practical training. The Scheme envisages to ensure availability of quality and well-trained trainers and assessors for all identified trades across geographies. The master trainers/trainers identified will be experts in their trade and sourced from existing pool, industry, and the community.

(c): The details of the traditional trades covered initially are at **Annexure**. The benefits under the Scheme is restricted to one member of the family with the estimated total target of 30 lakhs during the period of 2023-24 to 2027-28.

(d): The Scheme is conjointly implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The Scheme has a budget outlay of Rs. 13,000 crore for its implementation during the period of 2023-24 to 2027-28. PM Vishwakarma is a holistic Scheme that envisages to provide end-to-end support to the artisans and craftspeople through the following components: (i) Recognition: PM Vishwakarma Certificate and ID Card; (ii) Skill Upgradation; (iii) Toolkit Incentive; (iv) Credit Support; (v) Incentive for Digital Transactions; and (vi) Marketing Support.

(e): The Scheme has the provision of stipend @ Rs. 500/- per day for the trainees attending 5-7 days of basic training and also to the eligible trainees attending 15 days or more of advanced training. The Scheme has the provision of toolkit incentive of upto Rs. 15,000/- per beneficiary and incentive on digital transaction @Re. 1/- per digital transaction subject to a maximum of Rs. 100/- per month. Through the implementation of the Scheme, the beneficiaries of unorganized sector will be able to scale-up their operations, modernize/upgrade their tools and business, and enter the formal economy as entrepreneurs and contribute towards the larger goal of nation building.

Sl. No.	Name of the 18 Trades included in the PM Vishwakarma Scheme
1	Barber (Naai)
2	Carpenter (Suthar/ Badhai)
3	Boat Maker
4	Washerman (Dhobi)
5	Cobbler (Charmakar)/Shoemith/Footwear Artisan
6	Armourer
7	Blacksmith (Lohar)
8	Hammer and Tool Kit Maker
9	Locksmith
10	Goldsmith (Sonar)
11	Masons (Rajmistri)
12	Fishing Net Maker
13	Potter (Kumhaar)
14	Sculptor (Moortikar/Stone Carver)/Stone Breaker
15	Doll and Toy Maker (Traditional)
16	Basket/ Mat/ Broom Maker/Coir Weaver
17	Garland Maker (Malakaar)
18	Tailor (Darzi)