

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 734
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

PM VISHWAKARMA SCHEME IN THE STATE OF ODISHA

734. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

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

- (a) the details of PM Vishwakarma scheme and the number of applicants successfully registered from the State of Odisha under this scheme;
- (b) the details of number of beneficiaries who successfully completed their training provided under the scheme in the State;
- (c) whether it is a fact that this is very job oriented and beneficial scheme for the youth where the toolkits are also being provided to the candidates; and
- (d) whether Government is also providing further help to these applicants to start their trade or workshop?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): The PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on 17.09.2023 to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople of 18 trades who work with their hands and tools. The Scheme components include recognition through PM Vishwakarma Certificate and ID Card, Skill Upgradation, Toolkit Incentive, Credit Support, Incentive for Digital Transactions and Marketing Support. The Scheme covers artisans and craftspeople engaged in 18 trades, viz.(i) Carpenter (Suthar/Badhai); (ii) Boat Maker; (iii) Armourer; (iv) Metalsmith/Metal Caster; (v) Hammer and Tool Kit Maker; (vi) Locksmith; (vii) Goldsmith (Sonar); (viii) Potter (Kumhaar); (ix) Sculptor (Moortikar, stone carver), Stone breaker; (x) Cobbler (Charmakar)/ Shoesmith/Footwear artisan; (xi) Mason (Rajmistri); (xii) Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver; (xiii) Doll & Toy Maker (Traditional); (xiv) Barber (Naai); (xv) Garland maker (Malakaar); (xvi) Washerman (Dhobi); (xvii) Tailor (Darzi); and (xviii) Fishing Net Maker. As of 26.11.2024, 84,310 applicants have been successfully registered from the State of Odisha under the Scheme.

(b): Out of the 84,310 registered beneficiaries from Odisha, 24,810 beneficiaries have successfully completed their skill training.

(c): The Scheme aims to support artisans and craftspeople aged 18 years and above who work with their hands and tools in 18 trades. Under the Scheme, a toolkit e-voucher worth up to Rs. 15,000 is provided to beneficiaries upon successful completion of skill training. The toolkit is delivered directly to the beneficiary's doorstep, and the e-voucher is redeemed at the time of delivery.

(d): The Government is providing help to PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries who are self-employed and working in an unorganized sector. Collateral-free Enterprise Developmental loans are provided at a concessional interest rate of 5%, with a total loan assistance amount of Rs. 3,00,000. Beneficiaries can avail of the first loan tranche of up to Rs. 1,00,000 and the second loan tranche of up to Rs. 2,00,000 after repaying the first tranche of loan. The Government of India contributes an interest subvention of up to 8%. This assistance aims to help them scale up their operations, modernize and upgrade their tools and businesses, and transition into the formal economy as entrepreneurs.
