

PROMOTING CRAFT CLUSTERS

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote Craft Clusters in the country;
- (b) the details of programs implemented in craft clusters, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government has providing necessary assistance to make these craft clusters self-reliant business entities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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(a) to (c): Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India through Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) component of National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) Scheme envisages supporting viable craft clusters across the country through formation of Producer Companies and subsequently providing need-based intervention like design and technical development workshop, distribution of tool-kits, exhibition, craft demonstration programme, seminar to integrate them into the financial mainstream. The Producer Companies thus formed with the artisans as members is to make the artisans self-reliant.

The state-wise details of programs implemented in craft clusters are as below:

Year	Number of States covered	Number of Programme Implemented
2022-23	12	318
2023-24	21	396
2024-25	23	124
Total		838
