

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -137  
ANSWERED ON - 07/12/2022

**VENTURE CAPITAL FUND SCHEME FOR SCHEDULED CASTES**

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of entrepreneurs who benefited from the Venture Capital Fund Scheme 2015 to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes. State-wise, year-wise details up till now;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is no utilization of funds in the year 2017-18 under the Venture Capital Fund Scheme 2015, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

- (a) The number of entrepreneurs who benefited from the Scheme under Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC), 2015 State-wise and year-wise details are as per **Annexure-I**.
- (b) No. Does not apply.
- (c) The steps taken to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes is as under:-

A mentorship portal namely [www.aye-mentor.in](http://www.aye-mentor.in) is being run to support SC entrepreneurs who are at the initial stage of their entrepreneurial journey as well as experienced entrepreneurs. Aye-Mentor is the next-gen 1:1 mentoring platform in India bringing together renowned mentors and SC community mentees who need mentoring in various aspects of business and availing the financial assistance under VCF-SC.

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**Annexure-I**

**Annexure-I reply of para(a) to Rajya Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No.137 for 07.12.2022 regarding "Venture Capital Fund scheme for Scheduled Castes"**

**The number of Companies owned by SC entrepreneurs who have been sanctioned financial assistance under VCF-SC, State-wise and year-wise details are as below:**

| States           | 2014-15  | 2015-16   | 2016-17   | 2017-18   | 2018-19   | 2019-20   | 2020-21   | 2021-22  | 2022-23  | Total      |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Andhra Pradesh   |          | 2         |           | 4         | 2         | 2         | 1         |          |          | 11         |
| Assam            |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |          |          | 1          |
| Bihar            |          |           |           | 1         | 1         |           |           |          |          | 2          |
| Chhattisgarh     |          |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |          | 1        | 2          |
| Delhi NCR        |          | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |          |          | 2          |
| Gujarat          | 1        | 1         |           | 1         | 1         |           |           |          |          | 4          |
| Haryana          |          | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |           |          |          | 2          |
| Himachal Pradesh |          |           | 1         |           |           |           | 1         |          |          | 2          |
| Karnataka        |          | 1         | 1         |           |           |           | 1         | 1        | 1        | 5          |
| Madhya Pradesh   |          |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1        |          | 1          |
| Maharashtra      |          | 4         | 8         | 4         | 11        | 5         | 2         | 3        | 2        | 39         |
| Pondicherry      |          | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |           |          |          | 2          |
| Punjab           | 1        | 1         | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |          |          | 4          |
| Rajasthan        |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |          |          | 1          |
| Tamil Nādu       |          | 3         | 1         |           |           |           | 5         |          |          | 9          |
| Telangana        |          | 4         | 4         | 1         | 4         |           |           |          | 1        | 14         |
| Uttar Pradesh    |          | 2         | 2         | 1         | 1         |           |           |          |          | 6          |
| Uttarakhand      |          |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |          |          | 1          |
| West Bengal      |          |           |           | 2         |           | 3         |           | 1        |          | 6          |
| Jharkhand        |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |          | 1        | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>2</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>115</b> |

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