

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. * 130
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN MICRO AND SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

*130. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government is taking any steps to increase the participation of women in micro and small scale industries; and
- (b) if so, the manners by which the women participation in micro and small scale industries would be increased ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a) to (b): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *130 FOR REPLY ON 13th MARCH, 2023

(a) & (b): The Government has taken a number of steps to support MSMEs, including women owned enterprises in the country and for increasing participation in micro and small scale industries such as:

- i. Special drives for registration of women owned MSMEs under Udyam Registration Portal have been undertaken during 2022-23 and more than 2 lakh women owned MSMEs have registered on the portal during the special drives.
- ii. To benefit women entrepreneurs, the Public Procurement Policy was amended in 2018 mandating Central Ministries/Departments/ Undertakings to procure at least 3% of their annual procurement from women entrepreneurs.
- iii. To support Women Entrepreneurs under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises, two provisions have been introduced for women entrepreneurs w.e.f. 01.12.2022. They are:
 - (i) 10% concession in annual Guarantee fees; and
 - (ii) 10 % additional Guarantee coverage of up to 85%, as against the 75 % for other entrepreneurs.
- iv. To encourage entrepreneurship among women, Ministry of MSME implements 'Skill Upgradation & Mahila Coir Yojana' under Coir Vikas Yojana, which is an exclusive training program aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in the Coir sector.
- v. The Ministry also implements PMEGP, which is a major credit-linked subsidy program aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and rural/urban unemployed youth. Out of the total PMEGP beneficiaries, 39% are women and they are provided higher subsidy (35%) vis-a-vis non-special category (upto 25%).
- vi. Participation of women entrepreneurs in trade fairs under Procurement & Marketing Support Scheme is subsidized 100% vis-a-vis 80% for other entrepreneurs.
- vii. "SAMARTH" initiative has been launched to support women-owned MSMEs with the objective of providing Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7,500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23. Under SAMARTH, aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs have been provisioned with 20% Seats in free Skill Development Programs organized under skill development schemes of the Ministry; 20% of MSME Business Delegations for domestic & international exhibitions under the schemes for Marketing Assistance implemented by Ministry; and 20% Discount on annual processing fee on NSIC's Commercial Schemes.
