

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CREATED IN MSMEs

1225. SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of employment opportunities created in MSMEs in the five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23, year-wise;
- (b) whether MSMEs employees saw a downfall in 2021-22 as compared to 2018-19;
- (c) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to increase employment opportunities in MSMEs?

ANSWER

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

(a): Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of new units in the non-farm sector. It aims to bring together widely dispersed traditional artisans/ rural and urban unemployed youth and give them self-employment opportunities to the extent possible, at their doorstep.

Under PMEGP, General Category beneficiaries can avail of Margin Money (MM) subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, Minorities, Women, Ex-servicemen, Physically Handicapped, beneficiaries belonging to Northeastern Region, Hill and Border areas, etc., the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. The maximum cost of project is Rs.50 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs.20 lakh in the service sector.

Number of units assisted, Margin Money subsidy disbursed and estimated employment generated under PMEGP in the country from 2018-19 to 2022-23, year wise is as follows:

Performance under PMEGP from 2018-19 to 2022-23 (as on 31.01.2023)			
(MM: Rs. In Lakh, Project/Employment : in Numbers)			
Years	Units Assisted	Margin Money Subsidy Disbursed	Estimated Employment Generated
2018-19	73427	207000.54	587416
2019-20	66653	195082.15	533224
2020-21	74415	218880.15	595320
2021-22	103219	297765.91	825752
2022-23 (as on 31.01.2023)	55499	178231.00	443992
Total	373213	1096959.75	2985704

(b) & (c): No, there is no downfall in employment generated during 2021-22 as compared to 2018-19 under PMEGP. In fact, there has been an increase of ~40% in employment generated under PMEGP from 587,416 in 2018-19 to 825,752 in 2021-22.

(d): Following steps are being taken by KVIC to generate more employment opportunities in the country:

- i. Awareness camps, workshops and exhibitions at all levels are being organized in order to propagate the KVI schemes for generation of employment opportunities.
- ii. Publicity of KVI schemes through print and electronic media.
- iii. To supplement the income of farmers, adivasis and unemployed youth of the country, KVIC launched Honey Mission during 2017 - 18. Under Honey Mission, every person is provided 10 bee boxes with live bee hives.
- iv. Under Kumbhar Sashaktikaran Programme, KVIC is uplifting rural pottery artisan's livelihood by providing skill upgradation training and providing new home scale energy efficient equipment like electric pottery wheels, blunger, pug mill, kiln etc. for producing good quality of products.
- v. KVIC, through www.ekhadiindia.com , www.khadiindia.gov.in has started online selling of all KVI products.