

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2190
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

STATUS OF WOMEN-LED MSMEs

2190. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the procurement from women-led MSMEs by CPSEs have been dismal against the mandate of 3 per cent;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of women-led MSMEs from whom CPSEs have procured goods, State-wise;
- (d) whether any additional assistance is being provided to women entrepreneurs from the SC/ST communities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per information available on Sambandh portal, procurement from women-led MSEs by CPSEs has increased from ₹749.20 crore (0.54%) in 2020-21 to ₹ 1,660.63 crore (1.01%) in 2021-22 to ₹ 1,616.75 crore (1.04%) in 2022-23 (upto 15th March, 2023). The number of women beneficiaries for the corresponding years were 5,140, 11,230 and 10,263, respectively. State-wise information is not available on Sambandh portal.

(d) to (e): Through an amendment to the Public Procurement Policy for Micro & Small Enterprises in 2018, the Government mandated that all Central Ministries/ Departments and Public Sector Undertakings should procure at least 4% from MSEs owned by SC/ST and 3% from MSEs owned by Women entrepreneurs of their annual procurement. The Ministry also implements several other schemes for promotion and development of MSMEs, including women owned MSMEs, namely, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), National SC/ST Hub Scheme, Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Tool Rooms & Technology Centres, Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme, Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme, etc.

Ministry of MSME introduced a Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) under National SC-ST Hub to promote setting up of new enterprises by aspiring entrepreneurs and capacity building of existing MSEs for enhanced participation of SC/ST entrepreneurs in the public procurement. All the SC-ST MSEs of manufacturing as well as service sector are eligible for 25% subsidy under SCLCSS component of National SC/ST Hub (NSSH) for procurement of Plant & Machinery and equipment through institutional credit.
