

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 912**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023**

**PROCUREMENT FROM MSMEs OWNED BY SC, ST AND WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS**

912. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

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

- (a) the annual procurement of goods and services from MSMEs owned by Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Women since 2019 and its percentage to the total procurement form MSMEs;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to enhance the level of procurement form SC, ST and Women entrepreneurs and also to include MSMEs owned by Persons with Disabilities for preferential purchase; and
- (c) 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): The details of annual procurement of goods and services from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) owned by Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Women since 2019 and its percentage to the total procurement from MSEs are as given below:

F.Y.	Total Procurement from MSEs (₹ in Crores)	Procurement from MSEs owned by SC/ST		Procurement from MSEs owned by Women	
		Procurement Value (₹ in Crores)	Percentage to the total procurement from MSEs	Procurement Value (₹ in Crores)	Percentage to the total procurement from MSEs
2019-20 (152 CPSEs)	39,037.13	691.43	1.77%	393.51	1.01%
2020-21 (161 CPSEs)	40,717.67	768.53	1.89%	749.20	1.84%
2021-22 (161 CPSEs)	53,477.44	1293.64	2.42%	1,650.19	3.09%
2022-23 (163 CPSEs & 02 Deptt.)	63,835.23	1500.23	2.35%	2196.48	3.44%
2023-24 (107 CPSEs & 01 Deptt.)	33,510.47	588.21	1.76%	976.91	2.92%

Source: MSME SAMBANDH Portal (As on 05.12.2023)

(b) & (c): In accordance with the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012, an annual procurement of 25% has to be made from MSEs by Central Ministries/ Departments/ Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), including a procurement of 4% from MSEs owned by Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and 3% from MSEs owned by Women entrepreneurs.

A number of steps have been taken to enhance the level of procurement from SC, ST and Women Entrepreneurs and are given below:

- i. A National SC/ST Hub scheme was launched in October, 2016, for providing handholding support to SC/ST entrepreneurs. The scheme is implemented by the National Small Industries Corporation under this Ministry.
- ii. Special Vendor Development Programmes/ Buyer-Seller Meets are being conducted by Departments/ CPSUs for SC/STs and Women. Since 2019, a total number of **960007** vendor MSEs have benefitted which included **38952** SC/ST owned MSEs and **45507** Women owned MSEs (As per MSME SAMBANDH Portal).
- iii. The Ministry of MSME launched MSME SAMBANDH Portal on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, to monitor the implementation of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises.
- iv. The Ministry of MSME is actively engaged with the Department of Public Enterprises for better coordination with Central Public Sector Enterprises (Government procuring entities).
- v. In order to provide an easy access to procurement demands from Government Buyers, an on-line portal Government e-marketplace (GeM) has been made. Follow up with GeM for supporting SC, ST and Women entrepreneurs is done on a regular basis.

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