

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UN STARRED QUESTION. No. 108
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

NUMBER OF FEMALE-OWNED MSMEs

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

- (a) the number and percentage of female owners of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan who have been registered the last three year ;
- (b) the number of female-owned MSMEs in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan in 2018 as compared to 2024; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the participation of females in MSMEs in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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(a) & (b): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises revised criteria for classification of MSMEs on 26.06.2020 and consequently launched Udyam registration portal on 01.07.2020. As per Udyam Registration portal the total number and percentage of female owned MSMEs, including Informal Micro Enterprises in India and Rajasthan are detailed below:

Year Wise Women Owned MSMEs Registered Under Udyam & UAP Since 01/07/2020 - 15/11/2024 for Rajasthan against All India			
FY	All India	Rajasthan	% in Rajasthan
2021-22	9,07,533	46,077	5.08
2022-23	19,25,799	70,314	3.65
2023-24	1,28,03,597	3,99,853	3.12
2024-25 (01/04/2024 - 15/11/2024)	55,77,491	2,54,631	4.57
Total:-	2,17,01,888	8,00,250	3.69

(c): The Government has taken a number of initiatives to increase the participation of women in MSMEs in the country, including in Rajasthan, such as:

- i. To benefit women entrepreneurs, the Public Procurement Policy was amended in 2018 mandating Central Ministries/Departments/Undertaking to procure at least 3% of their annual procurement from women entrepreneurs.
- ii. Udyam Registration Portal was launched on 01.07.2020 which is fully online, paperless and based on self-declaration. Those with PAN details can register on Udyam and become eligible for Priority Sector Lending (PSL) and to avail of benefits of schemes of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Special drives for registration of women owned MSMEs under Udyam Registration Portal are undertaken.
- iii. For those informal enterprises which do not have PAN and are exempted from GST, Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) was launched on 11th January 2023. More than 63% of the enterprises registered on UAP are owned by women.
- iv. To support Women Entrepreneurs under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, the following two provisions have been introduced for women entrepreneurs w.e.f. 01.12.2022:
 - (a) Guarantee coverage of up to 85%, as against the 75% for others; and
 - (b) 10% concession in annual Guarantee fees
- v. The Ministry of MSME also implements Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme 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 and Marketing Support Scheme is subsidized 100% vis-a-vis 80% for other entrepreneurs.
- vii. The Ministry of MSME launched an initiative namely “Yashasvini”, on 27.06.2024, which aims to campaign, with a focus in Tier-II/III towns, for women entrepreneurs and empower women by building their capacity.
