

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

PROCUREMENT FROM WOMEN LED MSMEs

2328. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

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

- (a) the percentage of MSMEs owned by women in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that as per Public Procurement Policy, it is mandated to procure 3 per cent of annual procurement from women-owned micro and small enterprises;
- (c) if so, whether it is also not a fact that not even 1.5 per cent of procurement is being done from women-owned micro and small enterprises;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the efforts being made to achieve 3 per cent in the current financial year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): As per Udyam Registration and Udyam Assist Platform, the percentage of MSMEs owned by women is 39.78 in the country, as on 10.12.2024.

(b): The Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012, as amended in 2018, mandates 25% annual procurement from MSEs by Central Ministries/ Departments/ Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), including 4% from MSEs owned by SC/ST and 3% from MSEs owned by Women entrepreneurs.

(c) to (e): According to the data available on the MSME Sambandh Portal, the procurement from women-owned micro and small enterprises has been showing an upward trend. As of 11.12.2024, the share of women-owned micro and small enterprises in procurement stands at 2.12%. Several measures have been implemented to further enhance the procurement from women-owned enterprises, as outlined below:

- i). The Ministry of MSME launched MSME SAMBANDH Portal on 8th December, 2017, to monitor the implementation of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises.
- ii). 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.
- iii). The Ministry of MSME is actively engaged with the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) for better coordination with Central Public Sector Enterprises for achieving the targets under the Policy.
- iv). Special Vendor Development Programmes/ Buyer-Seller Meets are being conducted by Departments/ CPSUs for Women.
