

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

WOMEN-OWNED MSMEs IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the percentage of women owners of registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, particularly in the State of Bihar during the last five years;
- (b) the number of women owners of registered MSMEs in the country, currently, particularly in the State of Bihar;
- (c) the number of women-owned MSMEs in the year 2013 as compared to the year 2024 in the country, particularly in the State of Bihar; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to increase the participation of women in MSMEs in the country, particularly in the State of Bihar?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The revised definition of MSMEs was adopted on 01.07.2020, since then, the percentage of women-owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) who have registered on Udyam Registration Portal (URP) and Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) is 40% out of the total registrations in the country. In the State of Bihar, 50% of total registrations are by women-owned MSMEs.
- (b): A total of 2,18,88,709 women-owned MSMEs have registered on URP and UAP, till 28.11.2024 in the country. In the State of Bihar, 15,23,766 women-owned MSMEs have registered till 28.11.2024.
- (c): The details of women owned MSMEs registered on Udyam Registration Portal and UAP from the launch of Udyam and UAP till 28.11.2024 for the country and the State of Bihar are as follows:

Comparison of Women Owned MSMEs		
Financial Year	2020-21 (Since 01.07.2020)	Cumulative (till 28.11.2024)
All India	4,87,392	2,18,88,709
Bihar	14,470	15,23,766

- (d): The Government has taken a number of initiatives to increase the participation of women in MSMEs in the country, including in State of Bihar, such as:
 - i. Special drives for registration of women-owned MSMEs.

- ii. 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.
- iii. To support Women Entrepreneurs under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, 10% concession is given in annual Guarantee fees; and 10% additional Guarantee coverage is given up to 85%, as against the 75% for other entrepreneurs.
- iv. To encourage entrepreneurship among women, Ministry of MSME implements 'Skill Upgradation and Mahila Coir Yojana' under Coir Vikas Yojana, which is an exclusive training programme aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in the Coir sector.
- v. The Ministry of MSME implements Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme, 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. Under the scheme, the subsidy rate for general category beneficiaries is 15% in urban areas and 25% in rural areas. For special category beneficiaries, including SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, Women, Ex-servicemen, Physically Handicapped, and those in NER, Hill, and Border areas, the subsidy is 25% in urban areas and 35% in rural areas.
- 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 the 'Yashasvini Campaign' on 27.06.2024. The objective of the Campaign is to empower women entrepreneurs across India through various schemes on formalization, access to credit capacity building and mentorship through awareness generation about these schemes.
