

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1226
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

STATUS OF PMEGP

1226. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

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

- (a) the present status of implementation of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP);
- (b) the number of individuals who have applied and benefited under the PMEGP during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government has fixed targets for employment generation under PMEGP;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to achieve the targets under the PMEGP; and
- (e) whether Government seeks to increase margin money subsidy, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of new enterprises in the non-farm sector. The Scheme has been approved for continuation over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years i.e. FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

The number of applications received, number of units assisted, Margin Money (MM) subsidy disbursed and estimated employment generated under the PMEGP during the last five years is given below:

| Financial Year | No. of Applications Received | PMEGP Performance | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | No. of Units Assisted | MM Subsidy Disbursed (Rs. Cr.) | Estimated Employment Generated |
| 2019-20 | 4,45,393 | 66,653 | 1,950.82 | 5,33,224 |
| 2020-21 | 4,83,734 | 74,415 | 2,188.80 | 5,95,320 |
| 2021-22 | 3,97,458 | 1,03,219 | 2,977.65 | 8,25,752 |
| 2022-23 | 4,73,211 | 85,167 | 2,722.17 | 6,81,336 |
| 2023-24 | 5,39,312 | 89,118 | 3,093.87 | 7,12,944 |

(c) & (d): Under the Scheme, specific targets of employment generation are not fixed by Government. The Scheme was approved for continuation over 15th Finance Commission Cycle to setup about 4 lakh micro enterprises with estimated creation of about 30 lakh employment opportunities during five years i.e. FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26.

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The steps taken by Government to achieve the targets to set up micro enterprises under the Scheme include:

- i. Enhancement of maximum project cost from Rs. 25 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh for manufacturing sector and from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh for service sector.
- ii. Industries related to animal husbandry like dairy, poultry, aquaculture, insects (bees, sericulture, etc.) have been allowed under the scheme.
- iii. Applicants from Aspirational districts and Transgenders have been included in special category for higher subsidy.
- iv. Conducting awareness programmes in all the States/UTs including backward and under-performing areas, Aspirational districts, North Eastern Region, etc. with focus on special category.
- v. Acceptance of PMEGP applications in offline mode from prospective beneficiaries in 11 regional languages since January 2024.

(e): Currently, there is no proposal under consideration of Government to increase Margin Money subsidy from the existing rates.
