

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 741**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

**BENEFICIARIES UNDER DIVYANGJAN ENTREPRENEURS**

741. SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are 16,000 Micro, 370 small and 30 medium enterprises owned by Divyangjan entrepreneurs in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that beneficiaries of Divyangjan entrepreneurs under Procurement and Marketing component is not so encouraging since only 250 Divyangjan entrepreneurs out of more than 24,000 beneficiaries in country have benefited in last three years from 2021-22 to 2023-24;
- (c) if so, reasons thereof and number of beneficiaries from Andhra Pradesh from 2021-22 to 2023-24 and the status in 2024-25; and
- (d) special emphasis that Government is planning for Divyangjan owned enterprises?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): As per Udyam Registration Portal, the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered and owned by Divyangjan entrepreneurs in the State of Andhra Pradesh is 21,054. Out of these, the details of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are as given below:

<b>MSMEs registered and owned by Divyangjan entrepreneurs in the State of Andhra Pradesh</b>			
<b>Particulars</b>			<b>Total</b>
Micro	Small	Medium	
20,660	368	26	21,054

(b) to (d): Government, through its various schemes, programmes and policy initiatives, supports the development of MSMEs, including those owned by Divyangjan entrepreneurs across the country, including the state of Andhra Pradesh. Some of the prominent schemes of the Ministry of MSME with special provisions for Divyangjan owned enterprises are as given below:

- i. Under the Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme, 100% subsidy is provided on built space rent paid by units owned by Physically Handicapped Persons on the minimum stall size of the event for Micro and Small Enterprises in domestic trade fairs. The number of beneficiaries under the Scheme for the country and for the State of Andhra Pradesh in the last 3 years are as given below:

Particulars of Beneficiaries under Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme				
FY	Total Beneficiaries	Divyangjan Beneficiaries	Total Beneficiaries from Andhra Pradesh	Divyangjan Beneficiaries from Andhra Pradesh
2021-22	2332	22	Nil	Nil
2022-23	10,733	118	66	Nil
2023-24	11,034	109	101	1

- ii. Under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), for beneficiaries belonging to Special Categories such as Physically Handicapped, the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. The maximum cost of project is Rs. 50 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs. 20 lakh in the service sector. Also, own contribution of beneficiaries under Special Category including women is 5% and 10% for General Category beneficiaries.
- iii. Under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, provision for concession in Annual Guarantee fee by 10% and extent of coverage of 85% in respect of loans is given to MSEs owned by Persons with Disability.
- iv. As per the existing guidelines of National Award Scheme of Ministry of MSME, there is a provision of 2 National Awards to Entrepreneurs belonging to 'Divyang' Category with cash prize of Rs. 3 lakhs, each along with Trophy and Certificate.
- v. The objective of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) Scheme is to motivate young persons (Men and Women), representing different sections of the society including SC/ST, women, physically handicapped, Ex-servicemen and BPL persons to consider self-employment or entrepreneurship as one of the career options. The ultimate objective is to promote new enterprises, build capacity of existing MSMEs and inculcate entrepreneurial culture in the country.

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