

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 121  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

NATIONAL ST-SC HUB

121. SHRI BRIJ LAL:  
SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:  
DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

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

- (a) the total number of SC-ST beneficiaries assisted under the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) scheme till June, 2025, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total number of SC/ST candidates trained in entrepreneurship and skill development under the scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any initiatives to create awareness and outreach among SC/ST-entrepreneurs regarding the benefits of the scheme, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total budgetary allocation, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether Government has assessed the impact of the NSSH-scheme on improving the market linkages, credit access, and ease of doing business for SC/ST-entrepreneurs, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Under the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) Scheme, 1,45,200 SC/ST beneficiaries have been assisted across the country till June 2025. The State/UT-wise number of SC/ST beneficiaries under NSSH Scheme is enclosed at *Annexure-I*.
- (b): Under the capacity building programme of NSSH Scheme, 44097 SC/ST candidates have been trained till June 2025. The State/UT-wise number of SC/ST candidates trained under NSSH Scheme is enclosed at *Annexure-II*.
- (c): To spread awareness about the various initiatives under NSSH Scheme, Mega Event/conclave, Special Vendor Development Programme and awareness programmes are being organized at various locations in the country. Under NSSH scheme, 758 Special Vendor Development Programme, 700 Awareness Campaigns and 59 Mega Events/conclave have been conducted.

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(d): The total plan outlay under NSSH Scheme in 15<sup>th</sup> Financial Cycle i.e. from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 is Rs. 588 crore. Funds are not allocated State/UT-wise as it is a Central Sector Schemes. Funds allocated and released to the implementing agency i.e, National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), a CPSE under this Ministry during last four years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds Allocated (RE)	Funds released
2021-22	120.00	101.87
2022-23	135.00	135.00
2023-24	100.00	100.00
2024-25	99.92	99.90

(e): For continuation of NSSH Scheme in 15<sup>th</sup> Financial Cycle i.e. from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26, an evaluation study was conducted in the year 2020 to understand the impact of the scheme. The study recommended for its continuation with enhanced tenure to cover the complete entrepreneur development and enhanced life cycle. The report also highlights areas of focus to expand the reach of the scheme such as inclusion of service sector under Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS), medium-term social media strategy for effective outreach, constitution of a NSSHO level cell to assist SCST enterprises in the transactional issues of government tenders, assistance for participation in virtual exhibitions, etc.

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**Annexure-I**

Annexure-I referred to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 121 for answer on 21.07.2025

**STATE/UT-WISE NUMBER OF SC/ST BENEFICIARIES UNDER NSSH SCHEME TILL  
JUNE 2025**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>No. beneficiaries</b>
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	30
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2856
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	853
4.	Assam	7752
5.	Bihar	2917
6.	Chandigarh	104
7.	Chhattisgarh	1418
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	32
9.	Delhi	3357
10.	Goa	21
11.	Gujarat	7304
12.	Haryana	1702
13.	Himachal Pradesh	1190
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	227
15.	Jharkhand	7644
16.	Karnataka	11786
17.	Kerala	780
18.	Ladakh	8
19.	Lakshadweep	2
20.	Madhya Pradesh	5068
21.	Maharashtra	20569
22.	Manipur	963
23.	Meghalaya	771
24.	Mizoram	513
25.	Nagaland	1686
26.	Odisha	6170
27.	Puducherry	213
28.	Punjab	5447
29.	Rajasthan	3417
30.	Sikkim	157
31.	Tamil Nadu	11716
32.	Telangana	6317
33.	Tripura	644
34.	Uttar Pradesh	22547
35.	Uttarakhand	1132
36.	West Bengal	7856
37.	Tamil Nadu	31
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>145200</b>

**Annexure-II**

Annexure-II referred to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 121 for answer on 21.07.2025

**STATE/UT-WISE NUMBER OF SC/ST CANDIDATES TRAINED UNDER NSSH SCHEME  
TILL JUNE 2025**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>No. of beneficiaries</b>
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	30
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2001
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	315
4.	Assam	3697
5.	Bihar	889
6.	Chandigarh	4
7.	Chhattisgarh	1211
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	15
9.	Delhi	519
10.	Goa	1
11.	Gujarat	2191
12.	Haryana	572
13.	Himachal Pradesh	244
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	197
15.	Jharkhand	1106
16.	Karnataka	337
17.	Kerala	457
18.	Madhya Pradesh	3968
19.	Maharashtra	5170
20.	Manipur	289
21.	Meghalaya	420
22.	Mizoram	37
23.	Nagaland	1108
24.	Odisha	1320
25.	Puducherry	16
26.	Punjab	1624
27.	Rajasthan	935
28.	Sikkim	2
29.	Tamil Nadu	1051
30.	Telangana	4271
31.	Tripura	518
32.	Uttar Pradesh	7958
33.	Uttarakhand	899
34.	West Bengal	725
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44097</b>