

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 917**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

**GENDER DISPARITY IN MSME**

917. SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

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

- (a) the contribution of women-led enterprises to the country's GDP and women's employment compared to male-led MSMEs;
- (b) whether Government has noted that women, especially from weaker economic sections, have low participation and limited impact in MSMEs, if so, the reasons, and corrective actions that have been taken;
- (c) provide State/UT-wise data on the proportion of women business owners in micro and small enterprises compared to men across the MSME sector;
- (d) provide State/UT-wise data on the share of women entrepreneurs in rural areas compared to urban regions; and
- (e) steps that have been taken to tackle the regional imbalance?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): As per the report "Decoding Government support to women entrepreneurs in India", a study supported by NITI Aayog, women's economic contribution in India accounts for 17% of the GDP.
- (b): As per Udyam Registration and Udyam Assist data, the number of women-owned MSMEs from weaker economic sections constitutes 6.5% of the total number of MSMEs registered. To empower the SC/ST owned Micro, and Small Enterprises, including those owned by women, the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) scheme of the Ministry of MSME, launched in 2016, aims at capacity enhancement of and promoting entrepreneurship culture. The scheme provides SC/ST women entrepreneurs with capital subsidy of 25% for upgradation of technology and capacity building to mainstream their economic activities. Since 2016, a total of 24,482 women SC/ST entrepreneurs have benefitted under NSSH.

Other schemes of the Ministry like Prime Ministers Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), PM Vishwakarma (PMV), Coir VikasYojana (CVY), Khadi Gramodyog Vikas Yojana (KGVY) also provide special provisions for women, SC/ST women.

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(c): State/UT-wise Udyam Registration and Udyam Assist data on the number of women owned micro and small enterprises, compared to men, as on 24th July 2025 is given at **Annexure - I**.

(d): Disaggregated data on MSMEs in rural and urban regions is not maintained on the Udyam Registration portal.

(e): To address regional imbalance, the Ministry of MSME schemes like PMEGP, PMV, CVY, KGVY, 'A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE) and Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries ( SFURTI) for development and promotion of rural industries. Through these schemes, concessional finance for enterprise creation, employment generation, capacity building, skill training, cluster development, etc are provided to rural and semi-urban existing and prospective entrepreneurs.

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Statement in reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 917, due for answer on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, regarding State/UT-wise Udyam Registration and Udyam Assist data on the number of women owned micro and small enterprises, compared to men, as on 24th July 2025

Sl. No.	State	Total Enterprises			Total Male Owned Enterprises			Total Women Owned Enterprises		
		Micro	Small	Total	Micro	Small	Total	Micro	Small	Total
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	19,261	157	<b>19,418</b>	13,680	132	<b>13,812</b>	5,509	17	<b>5,526</b>
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	33,60,676	16,491	<b>33,77,167</b>	14,53,132	13,348	<b>14,66,480</b>	18,99,175	2,582	<b>19,01,757</b>
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	39,037	344	<b>39,381</b>	21,327	284	<b>21,611</b>	17,614	59	<b>17,673</b>
4	ASSAM	11,83,889	6,523	<b>11,90,412</b>	7,60,416	5,456	<b>7,65,872</b>	4,19,915	821	<b>4,20,736</b>
5	BIHAR	35,73,259	11,635	<b>35,84,894</b>	18,64,172	9,845	<b>18,74,017</b>	17,03,857	1,528	<b>17,05,385</b>
6	CHANDIGARH	68,200	1,247	<b>69,447</b>	50,148	1,051	<b>51,199</b>	17,292	93	<b>17,385</b>
7	CHHATTISGARH	11,35,360	8,198	<b>11,43,558</b>	6,39,519	7,061	<b>6,46,580</b>	4,92,453	906	<b>4,93,359</b>
8	DELHI	11,91,761	27,734	<b>12,19,495</b>	8,52,673	23,144	<b>8,75,817</b>	3,25,172	2,654	<b>3,27,826</b>
9	GOA	1,12,106	1,094	<b>1,13,200</b>	68,215	900	<b>69,115</b>	43,257	116	<b>43,373</b>
10	GUJARAT	36,99,208	53,058	<b>37,52,266</b>	26,47,167	46,030	<b>26,93,197</b>	10,29,186	4,045	<b>10,33,231</b>
11	HARYANA	16,69,870	22,580	<b>16,92,450</b>	11,95,148	19,096	<b>12,14,244</b>	4,65,013	2,418	<b>4,67,431</b>
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	2,91,899	2,507	<b>2,94,406</b>	2,25,155	2,056	<b>2,27,211</b>	65,719	318	<b>66,037</b>
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	7,36,820	3,162	<b>7,39,982</b>	5,63,403	2,732	<b>5,66,135</b>	1,71,761	321	<b>1,72,082</b>
14	JHARKHAND	13,17,404	5,758	<b>13,23,162</b>	6,90,686	4,979	<b>6,95,665</b>	6,23,008	547	<b>6,23,555</b>
15	KARNATAKA	43,32,188	30,775	<b>43,62,963</b>	23,65,437	25,306	<b>23,90,743</b>	19,52,286	4,030	<b>19,56,316</b>
16	KERALA	15,76,019	12,627	<b>15,88,646</b>	8,13,211	10,110	<b>8,23,321</b>	7,53,380	1,470	<b>7,54,850</b>
17	LADAKH	18,480	112	<b>18,592</b>	12,791	99	<b>12,890</b>	5,667	14	<b>5,681</b>

18	LAKSHADWEEP	2,208	-	<b>2,208</b>	1,671	-	<b>1,671</b>	533	-	<b>533</b>
19	MADHYA PRADESH	41,33,259	19,307	<b>41,52,566</b>	26,16,390	16,707	<b>26,33,097</b>	15,07,313	2,199	<b>15,09,512</b>
20	MAHARASHTRA	85,51,716	72,793	<b>86,24,509</b>	54,82,943	60,605	<b>55,43,548</b>	30,26,398	7,645	<b>30,34,043</b>
21	MANIPUR	1,47,987	412	<b>1,48,399</b>	65,424	334	<b>65,758</b>	82,239	63	<b>82,302</b>
22	MEGHALAYA	53,908	393	<b>54,301</b>	26,845	292	<b>27,137</b>	26,909	87	<b>26,996</b>
23	MIZORAM	44,951	207	<b>45,158</b>	18,334	134	<b>18,468</b>	26,553	73	<b>26,626</b>
24	NAGALAND	60,701	170	<b>60,871</b>	28,976	140	<b>29,116</b>	31,622	25	<b>31,647</b>
25	ODISHA	20,44,179	9,787	<b>20,53,966</b>	11,32,534	8,129	<b>11,40,663</b>	9,07,574	1,362	<b>9,08,936</b>
26	PUDUCHERRY	94,030	654	<b>94,684</b>	47,385	488	<b>47,873</b>	46,362	127	<b>46,489</b>
27	PUNJAB	18,22,767	16,546	<b>18,39,313</b>	12,50,603	14,451	<b>12,65,054</b>	5,66,771	1,570	<b>5,68,341</b>
28	RAJASTHAN	37,35,958	26,543	<b>37,62,501</b>	27,95,364	22,114	<b>28,17,478</b>	9,28,597	3,471	<b>9,32,068</b>
29	SIKKIM	28,908	158	<b>29,066</b>	14,181	125	<b>14,306</b>	14,679	30	<b>14,709</b>
30	TAMIL NADU	52,70,701	38,540	<b>53,09,241</b>	29,15,293	30,622	<b>29,45,915</b>	23,35,097	5,994	<b>23,41,091</b>
31	TELANGANA	25,47,334	19,604	<b>25,66,938</b>	13,81,797	16,003	<b>13,97,800</b>	11,56,752	2,682	<b>11,59,434</b>
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	29,903	901	<b>30,804</b>	21,931	756	<b>22,687</b>	7,781	85	<b>7,866</b>
33	TRIPURA	2,71,441	679	<b>2,72,120</b>	94,912	572	<b>95,484</b>	1,76,307	99	<b>1,76,406</b>
34	UTTAR PRADESH	70,62,336	39,018	<b>71,01,354</b>	47,86,754	32,878	<b>48,19,632</b>	22,56,620	4,973	<b>22,61,593</b>
35	UTTARAKHAND	5,39,209	3,945	<b>5,43,154</b>	3,70,428	3,263	<b>3,73,691</b>	1,66,585	532	<b>1,67,117</b>
36	WEST BENGAL	45,53,732	23,323	<b>45,77,055</b>	17,99,367	19,304	<b>18,18,671</b>	27,38,976	2,553	<b>27,41,529</b>
	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>6,53,20,665</b>	<b>4,76,982</b>	<b>6,57,97,647</b>	<b>3,90,87,412</b>	<b>3,98,546</b>	<b>3,94,85,958</b>	<b>2,59,93,932</b>	<b>55,509</b>	<b>2,60,49,441</b>