

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 295**  
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026

**GRANTS FOR START-UPS AND MICRO-ENTERPRISES IN ODISHA**

295. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes special grants for Start-Ups and Micro-Enterprises run by minority women in the State of Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Minority Affairs. However, the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the administrative control of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, provides concessional credit to eligible beneficiaries for self-employment and income-generating activities, with the objective of promoting the socio-economic development of backward sections among the notified minority communities.

The schemes of NMDFC are implemented through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

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