

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4314
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026

"LAKHPATI DIDI" & "NAMO DRONE DIDI" INITIATIVES

4314. SHRI SAT PAUL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of women (district-wise) who have achieved the 'Lakhpati Didi' status as of early 2026 in UT of J&K;
- (b) the number of women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) equipped with drones under 'Namo Drone Didi' scheme in UT of J&K (district-wise);
- (c) the recorded increase in their collective income through providing rental services to farmers; and
- (d) the specific steps taken by Government in UT of J&K to provide advanced technical training to rural women in sectors beyond agriculture to ensure they remain the drivers of a "Viksit Bharat"?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a): The Lakhpati Didi Initiative is an outcome of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development. The details of total number of women (district-wise) who have achieved the 'Lakhpati Didi' status as on 31.12.2025 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir is at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): The Namo Drone Didi Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The Government has approved 'Namo Drone Didi' as Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 1261 Crores for the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26 for providing drones to the selected Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of fertilizers and pesticides).

The Lead Fertilizer Companies (LFCs) were mandated to procure first 500 drones for distribution to selected SHGs. As per the information provided by the Department of Fertilizers, LFCs have distributed 1094 drones to drone didis of SHGs in 2023-24. All these SHG members have been provided training at the Remote Pilot Organisations (RPTOs) authorised by DGCA.

The district-wise details of drones distributed and SHG members trained as drone pilots in UT of J&K is as under:

S.NO	State Name	SHG District	Nos of SHGs
1	J&K	J&K	2

Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC), Bangalore have carried out a study on economics and business viability of drone operations on these 500 drones provided by LFCs under Namu Drone Didi scheme. The study indicates that the SHGs earlier were primarily engaged in agriculture and allied activities and the drones provided to them has expanded their niche to modern agricultural practices through drone technology, enhancing their efficiency and productivity. Overall, the adoption of drones has diversified SHG activities, improved agricultural practices, and increased income opportunities for women in rural communities.

(d) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY NRLM) strengthens non-farm specific livelihoods by empowering the women and their family members to promote/strengthen their units through SVEP umbrella, a sub-component of NRLM. Initiatives such as Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), One Stop Facility, Micro Enterprise Development, cluster and incubator components are implemented to promote rural enterprises. These programmes provide technical and entrepreneurial skill to rural women in emerging non-farm sectors so that women continue as drivers of a Viksit Bharat. Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) is a sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) aims at promoting women-led entrepreneurship and livelihood diversification in rural areas.

Annexure**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 4314 FOR ANSWER ON 01.04.2026 REGARDING "LAKHPATI DIDI" & "NAMO DRONE DIDI" INITIATIVES**

The details of total number of women (district-wise) who have achieved the 'Lakhpati Didi' status as on 31.12.2025 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir

State/UT	District	Lakhpati Didis (As on 31.12.2025)
Jammu and Kashmir	Anantnag	16,761
Jammu and Kashmir	Bandipora	7,378
Jammu and Kashmir	Baramulla	19,030
Jammu and Kashmir	Budgam	12,899
Jammu and Kashmir	Doda	8,983
Jammu and Kashmir	Ganderbal	5,537
Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu	17,125
Jammu and Kashmir	Kathua	8,764
Jammu and Kashmir	Kishtwar	4,838
Jammu and Kashmir	Kulgam	9,262
Jammu and Kashmir	Kupwara	17,978
Jammu and Kashmir	Poonch	7,623
Jammu and Kashmir	Pulwama	9,373
Jammu and Kashmir	Rajauri	13,498
Jammu and Kashmir	Ramban	5,971
Jammu and Kashmir	Reasi	7,176
Jammu and Kashmir	Samba	8,484
Jammu and Kashmir	Shopian	4,587
Jammu and Kashmir	Srinagar	1,800
Jammu and Kashmir	Udhampur	12,913
