

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *473
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PLATFORM

***473. SHRI GANESH SINGH:**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), thus building an ecosystem for women across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and number of beneficiaries under Ichha Shakti, Gyaan Shakti and Karma Shakti as on date; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated/expenditure incurred and other support provided by leading corporates and industry bodies viz. NASSCOM, CII, FICCI, SIDBI and Facebook along with the details of beneficiaries?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO *473 RAISED BY SHRI GANESH SINGH, MP REGARDING “WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PLATFORM”

- (a) to (d) The Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) was launched on 08.03.2018 in NITI Aayog. It aspires to bring together various stakeholders in public and private sectors who are working for promoting women entrepreneurship at one place; consolidating their efforts; give visibility to various ongoing schemes; and undertake research to identify policy interventions required to promote women entrepreneurship in the country.

So far various partners including leading corporates, industry bodies like NASSCOM, CII, FICCI and SIDBI have offered to provide various services to the women who register on this platform. Some of these initiatives include providing support for handholding, mentorship, capacity building, scaling up, networking support etc. State-wise financial support has not been proposed under WEP.
