

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. 4130
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

STATUS OF SOLAR CHARKHA MISSION

4130. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Solar Charkha Mission in 50 clusters across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up 15 new state-of-the-art technology centres across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has increased budgetary allocation under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in order to incentivise entrepreneurs, mainly women and SC/ST; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make Solar Charkha Mission successful?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched the Mission Solar Charkha for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country with a budget of Rs. 550 crore for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. The scheme is envisaged to generate direct employment to nearly one lakh persons. Solar Charkha Units have been classified as Village Industries.

The scheme is being implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai. A total of 36 proposals have been shortlisted by KVIC from the proposals submitted by Promoters Agencies and they have been asked to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

(b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of MSME is implementing Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP), to expand and upgrade the network of Technology Centres (Tool Rooms and Technology Development Centres) in the country, at an estimated project cost of Rs. 2200 crore including World Bank Loan of USD 200 million to establish 15 new Technology Centres (TCs) and upgrade existing TCs across the country.

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(c): Yes, Sir. The details of the fund allocation under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for the Financial Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Plan Scheme PMEGP	BE (2018-19)		BE (2019-20)	
	Margin Money	Backward and Forward linkages	Margin Money	Backward and Forward linkages
General	881.24	36.00	1282.69	72.00
SCC	434.52		462.45	
STC	198.88		239.63	
NER	246.00	4.00	262.33	8.00
Total	1760.64	40.00	2247.10	80.00

The State/UTs-wise targets for SC and ST entrepreneurs are fixed against the allocated funds of Rs.434.52 crore & 198.88 crore for 2018-19 and Rs.462.45 crore & Rs.239.63 crore for 2019-20 respectively, proportionate to their population in the respective State/UT. No separate targets have been fixed for women. However, women entrepreneurs are kept under special category and they are entitled for higher rate of subsidy i.e. 35% of the project cost in rural areas and 25% of the project cost in urban areas.

(d): Ministry of MSME and KVIC have been making all efforts to make the scheme popular through taking it up with State Governments. The Expression of Interest has been published twice on National newspapers to solicit responses from interested parties.

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