

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2649
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

MAHILA COIR YOJANA

2649. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
 SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
 SHRI SELVAM G:
 SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
 SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives along with the present implementation status of the Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has failed to achieve the objective for which MCY was launched and if so, the details thereof along with the challenges faced by the Government in the implementation of the said yojana;
- (c) the number of rural women artisans who have been provided self-employment under the MCY;
- (d) the number of women trained under MCY in the country State-wise especially Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra along with the amount of stipend paid;
- (e) the number of women beneficiaries of the Yojana in the country especially in the State of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra along with the financial allocation made for this Yojana;
- (f) whether the Government has made any assessment of MCY and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for more participation of women in coir production and its distribution ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a): Ministry through Coir Board, a statutory body is implementing various skill development activities across the country under the component 'Skill Upgradation & Mahila Coir Yojana' of Coir Vikas Yojana, a Central Sector Scheme. Among the various skill development programmes under Coir Vikas Yojana, the Scheme Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY) envisages provision for training only to women artisans.

MCY is being implemented by the Coir Board for the empowerment of women artisans in the coir sector with an aim to provide self employment opportunities to rural women artisans in regions processing coconut husk and provides scope for large scale employment as well as improvement of standard of living of rural women artisans. The main objectives of the scheme are as under:

- To train the personnel artisans in the cadres of Supervisors/ Instructors/ Artisans and to meet the requirement of skilled man power for the development of coir industry.
- Help in transfer of technology to non-traditional areas through development of skill of coir workers.
- Assisting the MCY trained women artisans for procuring spinning equipments/coir processing machineries from the PMEGP.
- To inculcate quality consciousness among workers at grass root level and to educate them on proper methods of producing standard quality fibre, yarn and products.

The present implementation status of the Scheme MCY in the Country, State/UT wise are as under:

State/UT	No. of women beneficiaries (as on 19.12.2022)
Tamil Nadu	100
Port Blair, A&N	40
Karnataka	40
Gujarat	40
Maharashtra	160
Goa	20
Andhra Pradesh	40
Odisha	80
Kerala	120
North Eastern Region	60
West Bengal	40

(b)& (c): No, Sir. In the FY 2022-23, around 33 nos. of woman artisans who were trained under MCY got employment in units.

(d): During FY- 2022-23 , 740 nos. of women trained under MCY in the Country. The details of number of women trained in the State of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra along with the amount of stipend paid are as under :

State	No. of women beneficiaries (as on 19.12.2022)	Amount of stipend paid(as on 19.12.2022)
Tamil Nadu	100	Rs.6,00,000/-
Maharashtra	160	Rs.9,60,000/-

(e): During the current year 2022-23, an amount of Rs.234 lakhs has been allocated for MCY. At present, there are 740 nos. of women beneficiaries in the Country and an amount of Rs.92.96 lakhs released for this Yojana so far for the current year.

The details of number of women beneficiaries under MCY in the State of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra along with the financial utilization made for this Yojana are as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)		
State	Financial allocation (as on 19.12.2022)	Fund Released so far (as on 19.12.2022)
Tamil Nadu	31.2	13.28
Maharashtra	46.8	16.60

(f): The Coir Board has done an evaluation study during the year 2020. In the study, it is found that income of rural women has been increased significantly after getting training under MCY. The production of coir has increased and enabled the women spinners to earn a higher income.

(g): Apart from Mahila Coir Yojana, Coir Board is also implementing various skill development activities under Coir VikasYojana, across the country like Training in Value Added Products, regular training Courses, Awareness Programme, etc. for making the rural women artisans/ unskilled labourers aware of the working of coir units and improving their skills and thereby motivating them for setting up of their own coir units or coir based industries by availing the assistance under the Scheme PMEGP. With a view to disseminate information on the schemes and latest technologies available in coir sector, the Board also organizes Entrepreneurship Development Programmes, Workshops, Exposure Tour etc. under this Scheme. All these programmes help to get more participation of artisans including women artisan to the industry.
