

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3720
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN MSME SECTOR

3720. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to increase women's participation in the MSME sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of women entrepreneurs active in MSME sector, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes financial assistance to women entrepreneurs running MSMEs who are struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): The Government has taken a number of steps to support MSMEs, including women owned enterprises in the country and for increasing participation in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises such as:
- i) Special drives for registration of women owned MSMEs under Udyam Registration Portal have been undertaken during 2022-23 and more than 2 lakh women owned MSMEs have registered on the portal during the special drives.
 - ii) To benefit women entrepreneurs, the Public Procurement Policy was amended in 2018 mandating Central Ministries/Departments/ Undertakings to procure at least 3% of their annual procurement from women entrepreneurs.
 - iii) To support Women Entrepreneurs under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises, two provisions have been introduced for women entrepreneurs w.e.f. 01.12.2022. These are:
 - a) 10% concession in annual Guarantee fees; and
 - b) 10 % additional Guarantee coverage of up to 85%, as against the 75 % for other entrepreneurs.
 - iv) To encourage entrepreneurship among women, Ministry of MSME implements 'Skill Upgradation & Mahila Coir Yojana' under Coir Vikas Yojana, which is an exclusive training program aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in the Coir sector.
 - v) The Ministry also implements Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and rural/urban unemployed youth. Out of the total PMEGP beneficiaries, 39% are women and they are provided higher subsidy (upto 35%) vis-a-vis non-special category (upto 25%).
 - vi) Participation of women entrepreneurs in trade fairs under Procurement & Marketing Support Scheme is subsidized 100% vis-a-vis 80% for other entrepreneurs.

vii) “SAMARTH” initiative has been launched to support women-owned MSMEs with the objective of providing Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7,500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23. Under SAMARTH, aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs have been provisioned with 20% Seats in free Skill Development Programs organized under Skill Development Schemes of the Ministry; 20% of MSME Business Delegations for domestic & international exhibitions under the schemes for Marketing Assistance implemented by Ministry; and 20% discount on annual processing fee on NSIC’s Commercial Schemes.

(c): The State-wise details of women owned MSMEs registered under Udyam Portal since its inception till 17.03.2023 is given at Annexure-I.

(d): The Government has taken a number of recent initiatives under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to support the MSME sector for all categories including women in the country especially COVID-19 Pandemic. Some of these include:

- i. Rs. 5.00 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for businesses, including MSMEs;
- ii. Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through Self Reliant India (SRI) Fund;
- iii. New revised criteria for classification of MSMEs;
- iv. No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores;
- v. “Udyam Registration” for MSMEs, for Ease of Doing Business;
- vi. Launching of an online Portal “Champions” in June, 2020 to cover many aspects of e-governance including redressing grievances and handholding of MSMEs;
- vii. Inclusion of retail and wholesale traders as MSMEs;
- viii. Non-tax benefits extended for 3 years in case of an upward change in status of MSMEs.
- ix. Launch of Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) on 11.01.2023 to bring Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) under the formal ambit for availing the benefit under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Un Starred Question No. 3720 due for answer on 23.03.2023

State-wise total Women owned MSME registered & classified under Udyam since inception on 01.07.2020 till 17.03.2023					
Sl. No.	State	Micro	Small	Medium	Total
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1,12,410	2,382	113	1,14,905
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2,166	39	4	2,209
3	ASSAM	58,065	621	26	58,712
4	BIHAR	1,02,895	1,278	47	1,04,220
5	CHHATTISGARH	29,947	750	32	30,729
6	GOA	6,467	103	8	6,578
7	GUJARAT	1,62,752	3,949	161	1,66,862
8	HARYANA	74,451	2,176	90	76,717
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	14,592	299	12	14,903
10	JHARKHAND	51,223	495	17	51,735
11	KARNATAKA	1,75,808	3,515	164	1,79,487
12	KERALA	86,067	1,387	60	87,514
13	MADHYA PRADESH	91,824	2,026	78	93,928
14	MAHARASHTRA	5,60,948	6,451	359	5,67,758
15	MANIPUR	18,553	57	3	18,613
16	MEGHALAYA	2,914	57	6	2,977
17	MIZORAM	5,832	41	2	5,875
18	NAGALAND	4,216	23	1	4,240
19	ODISHA	62,976	1,086	37	64,099
20	PUNJAB	95,236	1,492	60	96,788
21	RAJASTHAN	1,38,022	3,290	135	1,41,447
22	SIKKIM	1,656	15	2	1,673
23	TAMIL NADU	3,83,436	5,807	275	3,89,518
24	TELANGANA	1,09,394	2,253	113	1,11,760
25	TRIPURA	4,503	70	3	4,576
26	UTTAR PRADESH	1,80,872	4,282	184	1,85,338
27	UTTARAKHAND	25,519	486	15	26,020
28	WEST BENGAL	76,642	2,146	89	78,877
29	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	2,144	26	2	2,172
30	CHANDIGARH	4,070	91	7	4,168
31	DELHI	63,238	2,158	133	65,529
32	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	39,175	313	11	39,499
33	LADAKH	901	6	-	907
34	LAKSHADWEEP	83	-	-	83
35	PUDUCHERRY	6,476	147	7	6,630
36	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	1,951	81	5	2,037
	Total:	27,57,424	49,398	2,261	28,09,083