

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3910**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023**

**NATIONAL SC-ST HUB SCHEME**

3910. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

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

- (a) the time since when the National Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Hub (NSSH) scheme is being operated by the Government to promote entrepreneurship amongst Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) whether workshops and awareness programmes are also being organised under the above schemes;
- (c) if so, the details of workshops/awareness programmes organised in the Chhattisgarh State during the last three years; and
- (d) whether the number of SC-ST beneficiaries being very less and there is decline in the number of beneficiaries every year in Chhattisgarh State under NSSH scheme and if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): In pursuance of Budget Announcement 2016-17, the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in FY 2016-17 to provide professional support to SC/ST entrepreneurs to fulfill the obligations under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises, adopt applicable business practices and leverage the Stand up India initiative with an objective to promote “enterprise culture” amongst the SC/ST Population.

To create awareness about the various initiatives under NSSH, awareness programmes and workshops are organized for SC-ST aspiring and existing entrepreneurs at various locations in the country. During last three years, 42 awareness programmes have been organized under NSSH with participation 1074 SC-ST aspiring and existing entrepreneurs.

Under NSSH, 720 SC/ST beneficiaries from the State of Chhattisgarh availed the benefits under various interventions of the scheme during last three years.

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