

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3484
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

RURAL MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL UNITS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost women participation in rural manufacturing and industrial units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of jobs created during each of the last three years and if not, the reason therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has provided any special financial assistance to women for setting up their own manufacturing and industrial units; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of new units in the non-farm sector across the country. It aims to provide employment opportunities to traditional artisans/ rural and urban unemployed youth at their doorstep.

Under PMEGP, General Category beneficiaries can avail Margin Money subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to Special Categories, such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, Minorities, Women, Transgenders, Ex-servicemen, Differently-abled, beneficiaries belonging to Northeastern Region, Aspirational District, Hill and Border areas, etc., the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban area. The maximum cost of project is Rs.50 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs.20 lakh in the service sector. Besides, own contribution for beneficiaries belonging to Special Categories which includes Women is 5% of project cost as compared to 10% for General Category beneficiaries.

Details of number of micro units assisted, Margin Money (MM) disbursed and employment generated in the women owned units under PMEGP during last three years is given at Annexure-I.

Besides, Ministry of MSME is also implementing Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY), a women entrepreneurship and training oriented scheme, under the umbrella scheme "Coir Vikas Yojana", exclusively for woman artisans. Under the scheme, two months training programme is also provided with a stipend of Rs.3,000/ per month.

The number of women trained and financial assistance for stipend under MCY during the last three years is at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a)to(d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3484 for answer on 10.08.2023.

Details of number of micro units assisted, MM disbursed and estimated employment generated in the women owned units under PMEGP during last three years is given below:

Year	Total No. of Projects	Margin Money Subsidy (Rs. In lakh)	Estimated employment generated
2020-21	27285	88674.21	218280
2021-22	39156	124451.39	313248
2022-23	32626	117572.01	261008

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The number of women trained and financial assistance for stipend under MCY during the last three years is given below:

Year	Women trained under MCY	Stipend provided (Rs. in crore)
2020-21	3591	2.15
2021-22	2331	1.39
2022-23	1301	0.78