

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3045
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023

NATIONAL SC-ST HUB SCHEME

3045. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:
SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal under consideration to expand the present scope of the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme by opening more offices in the 5th and 6th Scheduled Areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the proposed locations identified for opening the new offices;
- (c) the number of Scheduled Tribe (ST) applicants who have applied from the State of Maharashtra to avail the benefits of NSSH's Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) along with the number of applicants who have actually been benefited during the financial year 2022-23; and
- (d) the number of women beneficiaries from STs category under the said scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): National Scheduled Caste Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH), a central sector scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India was launched in 2016 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The scheme aims at capacity enhancement of SC-ST entrepreneurs and promoting "entrepreneurship culture" amongst the SC-ST population. NSSH scheme is empowering SC-ST population to participate in the public procurement process and fulfil the mandated target of 4% procurement from SC-ST enterprises under Public Procurement Policy by the Ministries, Departments and CPSEs.

To provide handholding support to the SC/ST entrepreneurs across their business lifecycle, 15 National SC-ST Hub Offices (NSSHOs) have been established by NSIC in various parts of the country (Ludhiana, Agra, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, Sindhudurg, Ranchi, Chennai, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Kolkata, Surat, Hyderabad, and Jalaun). These offices provide handholding support to the SC-ST MSEs for Udyam registration, GeM enrolment, tender participation, credit facilitation and organizing Awareness Programs/Conclaves/Special Vendor Development Programs, etc. In addition to the above NSSH Offices, NSIC's field officers are also providing on-ground handholding support to the SC/ST MSEs. Presently, there is no plan for establishing additional NSSH offices under the scheme.

During FY 2022-23, from the state of Maharashtra, 241 claim applications of Scheduled Tribe (ST) applicant MSEs were uploaded by the PLIs/Nodal banks on the MIS Portal, out of which 136 claim applications have been approved and Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy (SCLCS) amounting to Rs. 13.53 crore has been released.

As on 30.11.2023, SCLCSS subsidy in respect of 74 claim applications of women Scheduled Tribe (ST) MSE applicants amounting to Rs. 8.95 crore has been released across the country since inception. Out of this, in the state of Maharashtra, subsidy amounting to Rs. 1.44 crore has been released to women Scheduled Tribe (STs) MSE applicants in respect of 12 claim applications.
