

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 988**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024**

**NATIONAL SC/ST HUB CENTRES**

988. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has carried out any study/survey/research with regard to the implementation of National Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) Hub Centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the number of SC/ST Hub centres set up by the Government during the last five years, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details and the number of existing SC/ST entrepreneurs who have registered in the MSME Databank to avail benefits during the last four years, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the quantum of funds allocated and disbursed during the last four years to increase the number of SC/ST entrepreneurs in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): For continuation of National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) Scheme in 15<sup>th</sup> Financial Cycle i.e. from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26, an evaluation study of the scheme was conducted through M/s NITCON Limited in the year 2020 to understand the impact of the scheme. The study recommended for its continuation with enhanced tenure to cover the complete entrepreneur development and enhancement life cycle. The report also highlights areas of focus to expand the reach of the scheme such as inclusion of service sector under Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS), medium-term social media strategy for effective outreach, constitute a NSSHO level cell to assist SCST enterprises in the transactional issues of government tenders, assistance for participation in virtual exhibitions, etc.

(b): To provide mentoring and handholding support to SC/ST entrepreneurs, 15 National SC-ST Hub Offices (NSSHOs) have been established located at 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 by facilitating tender participation, credit facilitation, Udyam Registration, GeM enrolment, organizing Awareness Programs, Special Vendor Development Programs, Conclaves etc. The NSSHO, Hyderabad covers both the States i.e., Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

(c): State-wise details of SC/ST units registered on MSME Databank to avail benefits during the period from 01.04.2019 to 30.11.2023 including Andhra Pradesh are given at *Annexure*.

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(d): Under NSSH Scheme funds are not allocated State/UT-wise as it is a Central Sector Schemes (CSSs). Funds allocated and released to the implementing agency i.e, National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), a CPSE under this Ministry during last four years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funds Allocated (RE)</b>	<b>Funds released</b>
2019-20	80.00	79.64
2020-21	120.00	120.00
2021-22	120.00	101.87
2022-23	135.00	135.00

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**Annexure**

Annexure referred to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 988 for answer on 08.02.2024

**State-wise SC/ST Units registered on MSME Databank from 01.04.2019 to 30.11.2023**

#	State / UT	SC	ST	Total
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	959	187	1146
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	14	556	570
3	ASSAM	672	1239	1911
4	BIHAR	1072	142	1214
5	CHANDIGARH	38	0	38
6	CHHATTISGARH	125	29	154
7	DADAR AND NAGAR HAVELI	3	3	6
8	DAMAN AND DIU	5	0	5
9	DELHI	1306	43	1349
10	GOA	20	3	23
11	GUJARAT	1197	417	1614
12	HARYANA	531	12	543
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	690	216	906
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	19	15	34
15	JHARKHAND	118	466	584
16	KARNATAKA	1689	427	2116
17	KERALA	74	5	79
18	LADAKH	0	14	14
19	LAKSHADWEEP	0	2	2
20	MADHYA PRADESH	426	98	524
21	MAHARASHTRA	4224	1066	5290
22	MANIPUR	67	369	436
23	MEGHALAYA	1	165	166
24	MIZORAM	0	351	351
25	NAGALAND	6	325	331
26	ODISHA	674	160	834
27	PUDUCHERRY	63	0	63
28	PUNJAB	2177	10	2187
29	RAJASTHAN	1119	151	1270
30	SIKKIM	23	124	147
31	TAMIL NADU	1489	29	1518
32	TELANGANA	802	266	1068
33	TRIPURA	69	48	117
34	UTTAR PRADESH	2057	57	2114
35	UTTARAKHAND	149	49	198
36	WEST BENGAL	2604	248	2852
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24482</b>	<b>7292</b>	<b>31774</b>