

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1803
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021

Women-led MSMEs

1803. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 90 percent female entrepreneurs reported a significant decrease in their sales revenues post-lockdown and the recovery for women-led MSMEs is also likely to be slower due to low levels of profits and higher rates of unpaid and domestic work; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address this issue?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of MSME does not have data on the percentage of women-led enterprises who reported a significant decrease in their sales revenue post lock-down. However, as per a study conducted by the Ministry of MSME through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to assess the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the micro units including women-run micro units set up under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), 88% of the beneficiaries of PMEGP scheme reported that they were negatively affected due to Covid-19 while the remaining 12% of micro units which deal with health and retail sector stated that they were benefitted due to Covid-19.

The Government has taken a number of initiatives under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to support the MSME enterprises, including women-owned enterprises in the country, post Covid-19 pandemic. These include:

- (i) Rs. 3 Lakh crore Collateral Free Automatic Loans for business, including MSMEs.
- (ii) Rs.20, 000 crore Subordinate Debt for Stressed MSMEs.
- (iii) Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through MSME Self-Reliant India Fund.
- (iv) New Revised criteria for classification of MSMEs.
- (v) No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores.
- (vi) "Udyam Registration" for MSMEs, for Ease of Doing Business
- (vii) An online Portal "Champions" was launched in June 2020 to cover many aspects of e-governance including grievance redressal and handholding of MSMEs.
- viii) Inclusion of Retail and Wholesale trades as MSMEs w.e.f 02nd July 2021.
