

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3266  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN WEST BENGAL**

**3266. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:**

**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the various schemes launched for the development of entrepreneurship in West Bengal and in various States in the country during the last six years;
- (b) whether any new scheme is proposed to be introduced in the coming future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the funds sanctioned for the development of the Entrepreneurship in the budgetary allocation 2020 and the percentage of funds released/utilised to West Bengal till now during corona pandemic; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) The details of schemes for development of entrepreneurship in the country, including in the State of West Bengal are given at **Annexure**.
- (b) The new scheme on entrepreneurship Development is subject to outcomes and external evaluation of Pilot Project on Entrepreneurship Development {Pradhan Mantri Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan (PM YUVA)}.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Out of the estimated cost of Rs. 12.00 crore of the Pilot Project on Entrepreneurship Development, an amount of Rs. 43,27,340/- was utilized in the State of West Bengal, which amounts to 3.6 % of the total estimated cost of the project.
- (e) Does not arise.

**Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3266 to be answered on 09-08-2021**

1. Pradhan Mantri Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan (PM-YUVA) Yojana of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India was launched on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 with the objective to promote entrepreneurship education, capacity building and provide mentoring and hand holding support to potential and aspiring entrepreneurs. The scheme was terminated in June 2018 on account of various technical and operational challenges faced mainly from knowledge partner.

Presently, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing a pilot project on Entrepreneurship Development (PM YUVA ) with effect from November, 2019, for creating an enabling ecosystem through entrepreneurship education, training, advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship network. The scheme covers 10 States and 2 Union Territories (viz. Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala, Delhi and Puducherry).

Activities conducted under PM YUVA (Phase-I) in West Bengal

S.No.	Name of the Activity	Number of Beneficiaries reached out
1	No. of Institutes Empanelled	14
2	No. of Faculties Trained	22
3	No. of E- leaders Trained	23
4	No. of Students enrolled in EDP	974
5	No. of Students passed Final Assessment	440

Activities conducted under Pilot Project (Phase-II) in West Bengal

S.No.	Name of the Activity	Number of Beneficiaries reached out
1	No. of students oriented under Entrepreneurship Awareness camp in different empanelled institutes	4125
2	Beneficiaries mobilized under Community Awareness Program for Mentoring support	524
3	Faculties trained under Training of Trainers (ToT)	73
4	Faculties trained under Faculty Mentor Training	23
5	No. of beneficiaries of Mentoring	308
6	The support provided to beneficiaries under new enterprises	06
7	The support provided to beneficiaries under scaled up enterprises	95

2. Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Skill development program through Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) for enabling youth from 18 to 45 years including women to take Bank credit and start his/her own Micro-enterprise. RSETIs is a Bank's led initiative of Ministry of Rural Development, set up with dedicated infrastructure in each district of the country. RSETIs are sponsored, managed and run by Banks with active co-operation from the Government of India and State Government. Presently 585 RSETIs are functioning in 27 States (except Goa) and 6 Union Territories (except Delhi and Chandigarh). There are 585 RSETIs sponsored by 23 Banks functioning in 567 districts across the Country.

3. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises through "A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE)" focuses on creation of rural entrepreneurship, technology adoption and employment in agro-rural sector. This scheme promotes innovation and development in the under-served areas like creation from Waste to Wealth and other innovative livelihood projects. It also promotes the agencies to infuse entrepreneurial spirit and harness the potential for cluster development in pre-startup and startup stages. ASPIRE scheme launched in the year 2015 has been a major incubator programmes with focus on creation of rural entrepreneurship, technology adoption and employment in agro-rural sector.

4. Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram, an initiative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the Scheme 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP', targets livelihood generation for tribals by harnessing the wealth of forest i.e. Van Dhan. Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, an Autonomous Body under administrative control of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, is the Resource Agency providing technical supports in the effective implementation of the scheme in Assam. Under this programme, it is envisaged to set-up tribal community owned Minor Forest Produce centric multi-purpose Kendras in predominantly tribal districts. The Kendras would act as common facility centres for procurement cum value addition to locally available Minor Forest Produce. Value addition of raw produce is expected to increase the value of the Minor Forest Produce considerably and consequently the income of the gatherers.

5. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry is implementing Start-up India Scheme with the aim to fostering entrepreneurship and promoting innovation by creating an ecosystem that is conducive to growth of Startups.

6. Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance is implementing Stand Up India Scheme with objective to facilitate loans from Scheduled Commercial Banks of value between Rs. 10 Lakh to Rs. 1 Crore to at least one Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe borrower and one woman borrower per bank branch for setting up Greenfield enterprise in manufacturing, services or trading sector and activities allied to agriculture. Since April, 2016, loans amounting to Rs. 1,356.32 crore has been sanctioned under the scheme in the State of West Bengal.

7. Department of Financial Services is also implementing Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) which facilitates collateral free loans of upto Rs. 10 Lakh to individuals for business activities in the non-agricultural sector and activities allied to agriculture. Since April, 2015, loans amounting to Rs. 1,29,175.05 crore has been sanctioned under the scheme in the State of West Bengal.

8. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a centrally sponsored "PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country. The scheme is operational for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 10,000 Crore. Support to upgrade existing units or setting up of new micro units for individuals is provided through a credit linked grant at the rate of 35% with maximum grant of Rs. 10 lakh. The Scheme also provides support to food processing units of Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO)/ Cooperatives for credit linked subsidy at the rate of 35%, Seed Capital to Self Help Groups (SHGs), Incubation Centre, Common Infrastructure, Marketing & Branding and Capacity Building. The State of West Bengal is yet to decide the participation in the Scheme.

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