

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 462**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021**

**Opening of Agro Industry**

462. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open/start Agro Industry in the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan keeping in mind the number of agriculture graduates passing out every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government intends to set up any agro industry in Rajasthan as the large number of population is engaged in agriculture and spices and other agro products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said industry is likely to be set up in Rajasthan and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Government in the Ministry of MSME is implementing since 2008-09, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and rural/urban unemployed youth. The Scheme is in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan as it encourages setting up of new micro-enterprises using local raw material and rural workforce. The maximum cost of projects is Rs.25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs.10 lakh in the service sector with subsidy varying from 15% to 35% for different categories.

Any individual can apply for PMEGP through online portal [www.kviconline.gov.in](http://www.kviconline.gov.in). Emphasis has also been given to reach out to students in various Universities including agriculture graduates, to generate awareness about the scheme and encourage them to apply under it.

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The number of units assisted, disbursement of margin money and employment generated under PMEGP across the country during last three years and current year is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of units set up**</b>	<b>Margin Money disbursed (Rs. in crore)</b>	<b>Estimated Employment (Nos.)</b>
2018-19	73427	2070.00	587416
2019-20	66653	1950.82	533224
2020-21	74415	2188.80	595320
2021-22 (as on 09.07.2021)	16639	518.25	133112
<b>Total</b>	<b>231134</b>	<b>6727.87</b>	<b>1849072</b>

(\*\*Figure of Year-wise no. of units set up indicate the no. of units for which the MM has been disbursed to the banks in the respective FY)

About 25% of the units setup under PMEGP belongs to agro and forest based industries.

(c) & (d): Target and achievement for the last three years to set up micro-enterprises under PMEGP in Rajasthan is as follows:

Sl	Year	Target			Achievement		
		No. of Units set up	MM (Rs. in lakh)	Employment (Nos.)	No. of units set up	MM (Rs. in lakh)	Employment (Nos.)
1	2018-19	3097	7743.65	24776	2359	7199.28	18872
2	2019-20	3398	10194.20	27184	3025	8174.68	24200
3	2020-21	2697	8094.02	21576	2772	8806.83	22176

Based on the dynamic situation arising out of COVID-19 challenges and the previous years' performance, the approximate target for setting up PMEGP units during FY 2021-22 and achievement thereon in the state of Rajasthan is as follows:

Target			Achievement (as on 9.7.2021)		
No. of Units set up	MM (Rs. in lakh)	Employment (Nos.)	No. of units set up	MM (Rs. in lakh)	Employment (Nos.)
3500	10500.00	28000	305	1216.50	2440

In addition, Ministry is also implementing **Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)**. The focus of the scheme is to organize traditional industries and artisans into clusters and provide them with sustainable employment by making their products more competitive through value addition. Under the scheme, artisans are collectively supported through construction of Common Facility Centres (CFCs), new plants and machineries, training, etc. in sectors such as Agro Based Industries, Honey, Khadi, Coir, Handicrafts, Textiles, Bamboo etc.

As on 19.07.2021, 433 clusters have been approved benefitting about 2.6 lakh artisan with GoI assistance of Rs.1102 crore.

In Rajasthan, 27 clusters have been approved under SFURTI benefitting about 15284 artisans with GoI assistance of 75.20 crore. Of these 10 clusters are in agro processing, bamboo and honey. These clusters are likely to be functional within a period of 12 to 18 months from date of approval.

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