

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4658**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022**

**SELF HELP GROUPS IN WEST BENGAL**

4658. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

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

- (a) the details of the functioning of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in MSME sector in West Bengal, district-wise;
- (b) the details of impact of micro finance on these SHGs in North and South Dinajpur districts;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to promote SHGs in MSME sector in West Bengal; and
- (d) the status of the progress of the SHGs in West Bengal particularly in North and South Dinajpur districts during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for generating self employment opportunities in the country by setting up micro-enterprises in non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth.

Any individual, above 18 years of age and Self Help Groups are eligible for assistance under PMEGP.

Under PMEGP, General Category beneficiaries, including Self-Help Groups can avail of Margin Money subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For Special Categories, the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. Maximum project cost for manufacturing sector is Rs.25 lakh and for service sector is Rs.10 lakh.

PMEGP is applicable to all new viable micro enterprises, including Village Industry projects, except activities prohibited by local Government/Authorities and activities relating to meat, intoxicant and liquor.

Number of Self Help Groups assisted under PMEGP, during the last five years in West Bengal district-wise including North and South Dinajpur districts is given in Annexure.

Further, KVIC is implementing Gramodyog VikasYojana (GVY) in which Self-Help Groups are also supported with distribution of tools and equipment and training of the members under following verticals of GVY:

1. **Honey Mission:** Under Honey Mission, each beneficiary is being provided with 10 bee boxes with live bee colonies and required tool kit. 42 Self-Help Groups have been formed under Honey Mission during last three years in West Bengal.
2. **Kumbhar Sashaktikaran Programme (Pottery Programme):** Under Kumbhar Sashaktikaran Programme, pottery artisans are provided with Electric Pottery Wheels, tools and other equipments, etc. Requisite training of 10 days is also provided to the artisans/ beneficiaries. 20 Electric Potters Wheels and 02 Blungers are provided in each SHG of 20 artisans under the programme. 24 Self-Help Groups have been formed under Kumbhar Sashaktikaran Programme during last three years in West Bengal.

In addition, as on date under Self Help Group Promoting Institution (SHPI), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has supported 32810 SHGs in the State of West Bengal. 623 SHGs are supported in Uttar Dunajpur and 1011 SHGs supported in South Dinajpur districts.

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