

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2478
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AGRICULTURE

†2478. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

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

- (a) the number of women entrepreneurs engaged in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors in the country;
- (b) the number of women belonging to scheduled tribes among them;
- (c) whether the Government has the data confirming the empowerment of women entrepreneurs of poor sections through such schemes; and
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)**

(a) & (b) The Government has taken various initiatives to promote entrepreneurship among women both in agriculture and non-agriculture sector, however the data is not centrally maintained by this Ministry.

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has taken various initiatives towards empowerment of women entrepreneurship, the details of the same is as under:

‘Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women’ (WEE) project is being supported by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in partnership with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), to improve the framework conditions for women-led enterprises in India. The project aims to pilot incubation and acceleration programmes for women micro entrepreneurs, enabling them to start new businesses and scale up existing enterprises in the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and 8 North Eastern States of the country. A total of 902 women entrepreneurs have been supported under the project under both incubation and acceleration support programmes.

Entrepreneurship Development in Six Holy Cities, a project of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, aims to catalyse local entrepreneurial activities through involvement of potential & existing entrepreneurs, unemployed youth, college dropouts, youth from backward community etc. The Project is being implemented in Puri, Bodh Gaya, Kollur, Varanasi, Haridwar and Pandharpur. The total number of beneficiaries covered under the project is 10,131 out of which 4,206 are women.

MSDE has implemented PM YUVA Pilot Project towards creating an enabling ecosystem through entrepreneurship education, training, advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship network. The scheme focuses on students/trainees and alumni coming out from skilling ecosystem {i.e. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Pradhan Mantri Kuashal Kendras (PMKKs) and Jan Sikshan Sansthan (JSSs)}. The scheme was implemented in 10 States and 2 Union Territories viz. i.e. Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala, Delhi and Puducherry. Although this programme did not specifically focus on women but conscious efforts were made to ensure substantial participation of women in the programme. The total number of beneficiaries covered under the project is 63,255, out of which 24,398 are women.

In addition to the above, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, is implementing the programme, "Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)" under the scheme, Agriculture Extension of umbrella scheme Krishonnati Yojana, to promote entrepreneurship, support agricultural development and create gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed youths with qualification in agriculture and allied sectors.

Under this programme, there is a provision of credit linked back-ended upfront composite subsidy on the bank loan availed by trained candidates. The subsidy provided is 44% in respect of women, SC/ST and all categories of candidates from North-Eastern and Hill States and 36% in respect of other categories. There is special provision for women candidates to co-obligate husbands/parents for getting credit facilities. The subsidy is admissible for loans up to Rs. 20 lakhs in case of individual and Rs.100 lakhs in case of Group Projects (for ventures set up by a group of 5 trained candidates).

A total of 7,039 women candidates have been trained under the programme, out of which 2,302 women have established agriventures. Out of 2,302 women entrepreneurs, 170 women have been provided subsidy of Rs. 125.49 crore (approx.). Further, the number of scheduled tribe women trained under the programme is 384, out of which 77 women have established ventures. The State-wise details of number of Scheduled Tribe women candidates trained, venture established and subsidy granted are given in **Annexure**.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2478 regarding 'Entrepreneurship in Agriculture' to be answered on 01.08.2022

Sl. No.	State	Candidates Trained	Ventures established	Subsidy Granted	Subsidy Amount disbursed (Rs in lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	09	04	--	--
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13	--	--	--
3	Assam	21	02	--	--
4	Bihar	02	--	--	--
5	Chhattisgarh	16	08	--	--
6	Gujarat	05	02	--	--
7	Himachal Pradesh	02	--	--	--
8	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	04	--	--	--
9	Jharkhand	65	08	--	--
10	Karnataka	06	01	--	--
11	Kerala	01	--	--	--
12	Madhya Pradesh	10	03	--	--
13	Maharashtra	49	20	--	--
14	Manipur	20	04	03	11.63
15	Meghalaya	20	01	--	--
16	Mizoram	20	--	--	--
17	Nagaland	39	03	02	04.39
18	Odisha	02	--	--	--
19	Rajasthan	17	07	--	--
20	Tamil Nadu	11	04	--	--
21	Telangana	48	09	02	13.20
22	West Bengal	04	01	--	--
	Total	384	77	07	29.22
