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MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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FACILITIES FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

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

- (a) the details of facilities, skill development opportunities and loans available for tribal communities under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME);
- (b) the details of benefits provided to the said community during the last five years; and
- (c) the details of funds disbursed during the said period?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for the benefits of the unemployed youth in the country including the tribal communities are as under:

1. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP):

Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing PMEGP for generating self employment opportunities in the country by setting up micro-enterprises in non-farm sector.

Under PMEGP, General Category beneficiaries can avail of Margin Money (MM) subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For Special Category beneficiaries such as SC/ST/OBC/Minorities/women/transgender/ex-serviceman/differently abled/NER/Hill, Border areas and Aspirational districts, etc., the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. Maximum project cost for manufacturing sector is Rs.50 lakh and for service sector is Rs.20 lakh.

The number of micro-enterprises assisted, belonging to **Scheduled Tribes** beneficiaries, Margin Money subsidy disbursed to them and employment opportunities generated by these units during the last five years are given below:

| Performance of Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries under PMEGP | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (Project, Employment: in nos., MM: Rs. In Lakhs) | | | | |
| S. No. | Year | Projects setup | Margin Money disbursed | Estimated Employment generated |
| 1 | 2017-18 | 4219 | 9349.92 | 33752 |
| 2 | 2018-19 | 7306 | 13604.93 | 58448 |
| 3 | 2019-20 | 6021 | 12234.52 | 48168 |
| 4 | 2020-21 | 5497 | 12711.12 | 43976 |
| 5 | 2021-22 | 7225 | 16396.39 | 57800 |
| | Total | 30268 | 64296.88 | 242144 |

2. Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI):

Ministry of MSME is implementing SFURTI to organize traditional industries and artisans into collectives and make them competitive, provide sustained employment and enhance marketability of products. The scheme supports creation of Common Facility Centers (CFCs), procurement of new machineries, setting up raw material banks, skill development and training, market promotion initiatives, etc. Under this scheme, financial assistance of up to Rs. 2.5 cr. is given to 'Regular Clusters' having up to 500 artisans, and up to Rs. 5 cr. to 'Major Clusters' having more than 500 artisans. Major sectors supported under SFURTI are Bamboo, Honey, Textiles, Agro Processing, Handicraft, Khadi, Coir, etc.

A total of 498 clusters have been approved under SFURTI till date. Out of these 498 clusters, 273 clusters have 58307 artisans belonging to Scheduled Tribe communities focusing on handicraft, textiles, agro processing, bamboo, honey, coir, etc. 48 of these clusters have 100% tribal artisans and 69 clusters have more than 80% tribal artisans. A total of Rs. 725.27 cr. SFURTI assistance has been approved for the 273 clusters with tribal artisans.

3. Honey Mission: Honey Mission was launched and implemented by KVIC since 2017-18 to promote beekeeping activities and to provide self-employment opportunities, with special focus to Scheduled Tribes (ST). Under Honey Mission, beneficiaries are being trained in beekeeping and live bee colonies including bee boxes and tool kits are being distributed to them as part of Self Help Groups. Hand holding support is also provided to the beneficiaries through master trainers.

Details of Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries benefitted under Honey Mission during last five years is given below:

| Year | Total Number of Beneficiaries benefitted | Number of ST Beneficiaries | Fund disbursement including ST Beneficiaries (Rs. in Lakh) |
|---------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 2017-18 | 1384 | 198 | 5402.05 |
| 2018-19 | 9636 | 3832 | 1506.61 |
| 2019-20 | 2920 | 965 | 1343.36 |
| 2020-21 | 1505 | 262 | 747.35 |
| 2021-22 | 1450 | 332 | 1366.00 |

4. Further, KVIC, through its training centres and other promotional schemes, is conducting Skill Development Programme (SDP) and Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes (EAP) in the country for unemployed youths to generate self-employment opportunities in traditional industries. Details of Scheduled Tribes candidates trained under capacity building during last five years is given below:

| Year | Number of ST candidates trained |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 2017-18 | 5193 |
| 2018-19 | 6243 |
| 2019-20 | 6358 |
| 2020-21 | 6270 |
| 2021-22 | 5267 |

5. National Scheduled Caste Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH)

Ministry of MSME is implementing National SC/ST Hub (NSSH) scheme, which aims at capacity enhancement of SC/ST entrepreneurs and promoting entrepreneurship culture amongst the SC / ST population.

- i. Under the scheme, 159 ST MSEs have been supported with Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy for procurement of Plants and Machineries involving subsidy of Rs.20.56 cr.
- ii. Under Special Marketing Assistance Scheme (SMAS), 1721 ST MSMEs have participated in various domestic / international exhibitions to showcase their products / services for market linkages.
- iii. Total 8254 ST existing/aspiring entrepreneurs have been trained to promote entrepreneurship amongst aspiring entrepreneurs and build capacities of existing entrepreneurs in various sectors through different training institutions at 162 locations in 26 States / UTs across the country.
- iv. 5354 ST entrepreneurs have been assisted for enrolment of B2 portal “MSME Mart” and 668 ST MSE for registration under Single Point Registration Scheme (SPRS) of NSIC by way of subsidy.
- v. In addition, under the scheme, assistance in reimbursement is given to ST entrepreneurs on bank loan processing fee, bank charges on performance bank guarantees, testing fee, annual membership for export promotion council, government promoted e-commerce portals, etc.
- vi. Besides, assistance is also provided to ST entrepreneurs for participation in short term training courses from top 50 NIRF ranked Management Institutes.

6. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing Pradhan Mantri Janajatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) which *inter alia* comprises the component of Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through ‘Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP’. Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) is the nodal agency for implementing the scheme. One of the sub-components of PMJVM is the Van Dhan Yojana (VDY).

Since the launch of Van Dhan Yojana from August, 2019, TRIFED has sanctioned more than 3225 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (55036 Van Dhan Self Help Groups) associated with more than 9.63 lakhs beneficiaries in the country. It is envisaged that it would play a vital role in improving overall economy of tribal community in the country.

Under Tech for Tribals Initiative, TRIFED has also initiated entrepreneurship training programmes to Van Dhan beneficiaries, through Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) scheme of Ministry of MSME. Under ESDP, 415 training batches have been organized during FY 2019-20 to 2021-22 in 15 States benefiting 10375 Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) beneficiaries through imparting of skill up-gradation for sustainable enterprise Development. Total amount of Rs.18.46 cr. has been sanctioned for this training component.