

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1622

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025/ PHALGUNA 19, 1946 (SAKA)

Amount allocated to Gujarat under MSSC

No.1622

Shri Haribhai Patel:

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the amount allocated, sanctioned and disbursed for the State Government of Gujarat under the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) Scheme since its inception, year-wise;
- (b) the data on the number of beneficiaries from the State of Gujarat since the inception of the Scheme, year-wise;
- (c) the steps are being taken by the Government to collaborate with local Government bodies and self-help groups in Gujarat to enhance the reach and impact of MSSC;
- (d) the details of the initiatives being taken to promote awareness of the MSSC among women in rural and semi-urban areas of Gujarat; and
- (e) whether additional incentives or features are being considered to make MSSC more attractive for women in States having significant rural populations like Gujarat, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) Not applicable. Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) is a voluntary savings scheme operated through Department of Post and banks, wherein higher rate of interest is offered to the women depositors.

(b) Year-wise number of beneficiaries under MSSC since its inception pertaining to Gujarat state is as under:-

Financial Year	Number of beneficiaries under MSSC
2023-24	1,16,280 (as on 31.03.2024)
2024-25	1,56,726 (as on 31.01.2025)

(c),(d)&(e) The scheme was launched by the Government on 31/03/2023 to promote financial independence of women of the country. Department of Posts and all agency banks promote and display salient feature/benefits of National Small Savings Schemes including Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme to enhance reach and impact of the schemes.
