

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3420
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

WOMEN-OWNED MSMEs

3420. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:

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

- (a) the percentage and number of women-owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered in the country, particularly in Tonk and Sawai Madhopur districts of Rajasthan during the last five years;
- (b) the number of women-owned MSMEs in the country, particularly in Bihar in the year 2024 as compared to the year 2019; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase women's participation in MSMEs in the country particularly in the National Capital Region and Rajasthan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): The revised definition of MSMEs was adopted on 01.07.2020. To facilitate registration of MSMEs, the Udyam Registration Portal (URP) was launched on 01.07.2020. The percentage and number of women-owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) who have registered on URP, including Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) registered on Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) in the country, including the Tonk and Sawai Madhopur districts of Rajasthan, during the last five years are as given below:

Women-owned MSMEs in the Country and Tonk and Sawai Madhopur Districts of the State of Rajasthan since inception till 15.03.2025			
	Total Number of MSMEs registered	Total Number of Women-owned MSMEs registered	Percentage of Women-owned MSMEs registered
All India	6,13,37,576	2,46,42,171	40.17%
Tonk and Sawai Madhopur Districts	1,11,812	27,776	24.84%

(b): The number of women-owned MSMEs registered in F.Y. 2020-21 (since the launch of URP) and upto F.Y. 2024-25(upto 15.03.2025) for the country and the State of Bihar are as follows:

Comparison of Women Owned MSMEs		
Financial Year	2020-21 (From 01.07.2020 to 31.03.2021)	Cumulative (Upto 15.03.2025)
All India	4,86,781	2,46,42,171
Bihar	14,473	16,36,406

(c): The Government has taken a number of initiatives to increase the participation of women in MSMEs in the country, including in the National Capital Region and Rajasthan, such as:

- i. Special drives for registration of women-owned MSMEs.
- ii. To benefit women entrepreneurs, the Public Procurement Policy was amended in 2018 mandating Central Ministries/Departments/Undertaking to procure at least 3% of their annual procurement from women-owned Micro and Small Enterprises.
- iii. To support Women Entrepreneurs under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, 10% concession is given in annual guarantee fees; and guarantee coverage of 90% is given.
- iv. To encourage entrepreneurship among women, Ministry of MSME implements 'Skill Upgradation and Mahila Coir Yojana' under Coir Vikas Yojana, which is an exclusive training programme aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in the Coir sector.
- v. The Ministry of MSME implements Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme, 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. Under the programme, the subsidy rate for general category beneficiaries is 15% in urban areas and 25% in rural areas. For special category beneficiaries, including SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, Women, Ex-servicemen, Physically Handicapped, and those in NER, Hill, and Border areas, the subsidy is 25% in urban areas and 35% in rural areas.
- vi. Participation of women entrepreneurs in trade fairs under Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme is subsidized 100% vis-a-vis 80% for other entrepreneurs.
- vii. The Ministry of MSME launched the 'Yashasvini Campaign' on 27.06.2024. The objective of the Campaign is to empower women entrepreneurs across India through various schemes on formalization, access to credit capacity building and mentorship through awareness generation about these schemes.
