

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT TO MSME MANUFACTURING CLUSTERS

3002. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether new tool rooms or technology centres are being set up to support MSME manufacturing clusters and skilling initiatives, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the targeted schemes in place to help women entrepreneurs access finance, training and market linkages; and
- (c) the new strategies being implemented to increase MSME exports and enhance the global competitiveness of small enterprises?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes. To augment the network of existing 18 Technology Centres, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has set up 9 new Technology Centres out of 15 Technology Centres under Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP). The Ministry is implementing the scheme of Establishment of new Technology Centres/Extension Centres (TCEC) for establishment of 20 additional Technology Centres, to support MSMEs and skill initiatives. Further, with an aim to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of MSEs for their holistic development by adopting cluster approach, this Ministry also implements the scheme Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP).

(b): Ministry of MSME implements various schemes/programme such as Prime Ministers Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for MSE (CGTMSE), Public Procurement Policy (PPP), Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS), MSME Trade Enablement and Marketing Initiative (MSME TEAM Initiative), MSME Champions Scheme, Coir Vikas Yojana, PM Vishwakarma, International Cooperation (IC) Scheme to enable access to finance, training and market linkages for MSMEs including women entrepreneurs.

In addition, following steps have been taken to help women entrepreneurs:

- Under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for MSE (CGTMSE), guarantee coverage of up to 90% and 10% concession in annual Guarantee fees for micro and small women entrepreneurs have been introduced w.e.f. 01.12.2022.
- Under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), women enterprises are provided higher subsidy upto 35% as against 25% to non-special category.
- Public Procurement Policy (PPP) mandates that 3% of annual procurement by CPSEs/Ministries/Departments must be made from women-owned micro enterprises.

- 100% subsidy for Women owned MSMEs on cost of ZED certification under MSME-Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme.
- Additional 5% Government of India (GoI) contribution towards the implementation cost for Women owned MSMEs under MSME Competitive (LEAN) Scheme.
- “Skill Upgradation and Mahila Coir Yojana” under Coir Vikas Yojana is implemented as an exclusive training programme for women artisans engaged in coir sector.
- Under Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS), women entrepreneurs are provided subsidy to the extent of 100% as against 80% for other entrepreneurs.
- Idea Hackathon 3.0 conducted particularly for Women under Incubation component of MSME Innovative Scheme.

(c): The Ministry of MSME has established 65 Export Facilitation Centres (EFCs) in its field organizations namely MSME-Development and Facilitation Offices, MSME Technology Centres and MSME Testing Centres with an aim to provide requisite mentoring and handholding to MSMEs in exporting their products and services.
