

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.413  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2025**

**ASSISTANCE TO SC/ST WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS**

**†413. SHRI AJAY BHATT:**

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to provide assistance to SC/ST women entrepreneurs in the country to set up their businesses, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of SC/ST persons/women entrepreneurs provided with employment opportunities in the Country, State-wise especially in Uttarakhand, during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)**

(a): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing various initiatives to support SC women entrepreneurs-

i. The Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC), launched in 2014-15, provides concessional finance to SC women at an interest rate of 3.75%. The Ministry has also launched the Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIM) to support young SC women innovators with financial assistance of up to ₹30 lakh.

ii. The National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) provides concessional loans to eligible SC persons, including women with annual family income up to ₹3 lakh, through term loans up to ₹45 lakh and microfinance loans up to ₹1.25 lakh. NSFDC also ensures 40% coverage of women beneficiaries and facilitates market linkages and opportunities under the Public Procurement Policy, which earmarks 3% procurement for women- owned MSEs.

iii. For Scheduled Tribes, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Tribes (VCF-ST) on 10 February 2025, offering concessional finance between ₹10 lakh and ₹5 crore at 4% interest, with an additional 0.25% concession for ST women (effective 3.75%). The scheme also provides incubation support up to ₹30 lakh, and mandates that at least 30% of beneficiaries should preferably be women.

iv. Separately, the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) provides concessional loans through its various schemes for the economic development of Scheduled Tribes across the country, including Uttarakhand. Eligible ST individuals, SHGs, and cooperative societies can avail assistance subject to an annual family income limit of ₹3.00 lakh.

(b): The details of State-wise numbers of SC persons/women entrepreneurs (including Uttarakhand) under VCF-SC including ASIIM during last three years are attached at **Annexure-I**.

The details of State-wise number of SC persons/women entrepreneurs provided financial assistance by NSFDC for self-employment opportunities in the country, during the last three years are given at **Annexure-II**.

The total number of ST entrepreneurs sanctioned financial assistance across the country under Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Tribes (VCF-ST) are 4 and out of which 3 no's of entrepreneurs are women entrepreneurs.

The detail of state-wise (Male-Female) beneficiaries assisted by NSTFDC during the last three years is given in **Annexure-III**.

**Annexure-I**

**Annexure-I referred in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 413 for answer on 02.12.2025 regarding "Assistance To SC/ST Women Entrepreneurs"**

| <b>Entrepreneurship under VCFSC</b> |                    |                  |                     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| From FY 2021-22 to November 2025    | State              | SC Entrepreneurs | Women Entrepreneurs |
|                                     |                    |                  |                     |
|                                     | Andhra Pradesh     | 7                | 1                   |
|                                     | Chattisgarh        | 2                | 1                   |
|                                     | Gujarat            | 2                | 1                   |
|                                     | Haryana            | 4                | 0                   |
|                                     | Himachal Pradesh   | 5                | 2                   |
|                                     | Jharkhand          | 3                | 1                   |
|                                     | Karnataka          | 12               | 6                   |
|                                     | Madhya Pradesh     | 2                | 1                   |
|                                     | Maharashtra        | 50               | 12                  |
|                                     | Orissa             | 3                | 1                   |
|                                     | Punjab             | 1                | 0                   |
|                                     | Tamilnadu          | 4                | 0                   |
|                                     | Telangana          | 33               | 0                   |
|                                     | Uttar Pradesh      | 2                | 0                   |
|                                     | <b>Uttarakhand</b> | <b>2</b>         | <b>1</b>            |
|                                     | West Bengal        | 2                | 0                   |
|                                     | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>134</b>       | <b>27</b>           |

| <b>ENTREPRENEURSHIP UNDER ASIIM</b> |                    |                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| FROM 2021-22 To NOVEMBER 2025       | States             | Total Entrepreneurs | Women Entrepreneurs |
|                                     | Assam              | 3                   | 0                   |
|                                     | Delhi              | 4                   | 0                   |
|                                     | Gujarat            | 7                   | 2                   |
|                                     | Karnataka          | 5                   | 3                   |
|                                     | Maharashtra        | 42                  | 9                   |
|                                     | Manipur            | 5                   | 1                   |
|                                     | Orissa             | 1                   | 1                   |
|                                     | Punjab             | 2                   | 0                   |
|                                     | Tamil Nadu         | 8                   | 1                   |
|                                     | Telangana          | 2                   |                     |
|                                     | <b>Uttarakhand</b> | <b>1</b>            | <b>0</b>            |
|                                     | Uttar Pradesh      | 3                   | 3                   |
|                                     | <b>Total</b>       | <b>83</b>           | <b>20</b>           |

**Annexure-II referred in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 413 for answer on 02.12.2025 regarding "Assistance To SC/ST Women Entrepreneurs"**

| S. No. | State                          | 2022-2023                  |                            | 2023-2024                  |                            | 2024-2025                  |                            |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|        |                                | Total No. of Beneficiaries | No. of Women Beneficiaries | Total No. of Beneficiaries | No. of Women Beneficiaries | Total No. of Beneficiaries | No. of Women Beneficiaries |
| 1      | Andaman & Nicobar              | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 2                          | 0                          |
| 2      | Andhra Pradesh                 | 2997                       | 1454                       | 11571                      | 10462                      | 8229                       | 7053                       |
| 3      | Arunachal Pradesh              | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 3                          | 0                          |
| 4      | Assam                          | 20                         | 5                          | 952                        | 375                        | 164                        | 51                         |
| 5      | Bihar                          | 5018                       | 1996                       | 2652                       | 1063                       | 211                        | 45                         |
| 6      | Chandigarh                     | 75                         | 37                         | 11                         | 6                          | 7                          | 1                          |
| 7      | Chhattisgarh                   | 325                        | 140                        | 265                        | 105                        | 305                        | 129                        |
| 8      | Dadra Nagar Haweli Daman & Diu | 1                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          |
| 9      | Delhi                          | 334                        | 143                        | 14                         | 3                          | 77                         | 24                         |
| 10     | Goa                            | 2                          | 1                          | 1                          | 0                          | 3                          | 1                          |
| 11     | Gujarat                        | 347                        | 115                        | 81                         | 33                         | 394                        | 143                        |
| 12     | Haryana                        | 1441                       | 759                        | 1486                       | 642                        | 478                        | 216                        |
| 13     | Himachal Pradesh               | 726                        | 349                        | 453                        | 159                        | 1136                       | 876                        |
| 14     | Jammu & Kashmir                | 11                         | 3                          | 321                        | 156                        | 42                         | 8                          |
| 15     | Jharkhand                      | 1945                       | 773                        | 111                        | 29                         | 88                         | 17                         |
| 16     | Karnataka                      | 2932                       | 1361                       | 2280                       | 975                        | 2828                       | 1365                       |
| 17     | Kerala                         | 6119                       | 4306                       | 5486                       | 4192                       | 7632                       | 6792                       |
| 18     | Ladakh                         | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          |
| 19     | Lakshadweep                    | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          |
| 20     | Madhya Pradesh                 | 61                         | 16                         | 838                        | 250                        | 374                        | 100                        |
| 21     | Maharashtra                    | 6215                       | 3442                       | 752                        | 460                        | 1123                       | 583                        |
| 22     | Manipur                        | 42                         | 24                         | 2                          | 1                          | 37                         | 20                         |
| 23     | Meghalaya                      | 1                          | 0                          | 1                          | 1                          | 3                          | 3                          |
| 24     | Mizoram                        | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 55                         | 29                         |
| 25     | Nagaland                       | 4                          | 2                          | 0                          | 0                          | 69                         | 36                         |
| 26     | Odisha                         | 1209                       | 490                        | 654                        | 356                        | 245                        | 72                         |
| 27     | Puducherry                     | 2397                       | 1324                       | 2993                       | 1808                       | 1877                       | 1196                       |
| 28     | Punjab                         | 3972                       | 1642                       | 5741                       | 1640                       | 6095                       | 3012                       |
| 29     | Rajasthan                      | 4494                       | 1887                       | 1905                       | 527                        | 785                        | 170                        |
| 30     | Sikkim                         | 5                          | 2                          | 4                          | 3                          | 24                         | 10                         |
| 31     | Tamil Nadu                     | 3378                       | 1465                       | 14548                      | 8309                       | 5588                       | 3950                       |
| 32     | Telangana                      | 6535                       | 5898                       | 2606                       | 2401                       | 390                        | 151                        |
| 33     | Tripura                        | 676                        | 198                        | 1578                       | 618                        | 127                        | 22                         |
| 34     | Uttar Pradesh                  | 2390                       | 988                        | 7700                       | 2139                       | 2647                       | 619                        |
| 35     | Uttarakhand                    | 23                         | 8                          | 246                        | 72                         | 267                        | 83                         |
| 36     | West Bengal                    | 30293                      | 30116                      | 20120                      | 20050                      | 445                        | 91                         |
|        | <b>Total :</b>                 | <b>83988</b>               | <b>58944</b>               | <b>85372</b>               | <b>56835</b>               | <b>41750</b>               | <b>26868</b>               |

**Annexure-III**

**Annexure-III referred in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 413 for answer on 02.12.2025 regarding "Assistance To SC/ST Women Entrepreneurs"**

| Sl. No. | Name of the State    | 2022-23            |                      | 2023-24            |                      | 2024-25            |                      |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|         |                      | Male Beneficiaries | Female Beneficiaries | Male Beneficiaries | Female Beneficiaries | Male Beneficiaries | Female Beneficiaries |
| 1       | Andhra Pradesh       | 1882               | 11787                | 2429               | 24792                | 643                | 12256                |
| 2       | Arunachal Pradesh    | 216                | 1619                 | 7                  | 6                    | 8                  | 9                    |
| 3       | Assam                |                    |                      | 23                 | 20                   | 13                 | 8                    |
| 4       | Bihar                | 0                  | 0                    | 3                  | 0                    | 0                  | 0                    |
| 5       | Chhattisgarh         | 730                | 486                  | 210                | 293                  | 4096               | 741                  |
| 6       | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0                  | 0                    | 6                  | 0                    | 0                  | 0                    |
| 7       | Goa                  | 0                  | 0                    | 1                  | 0                    | 0                  | 0                    |
| 8       | Gujarat              | 221                | 5003                 | 5215               | 6633                 | 9414               | 9047                 |
| 9       | Ladakh               |                    |                      |                    |                      | 9                  | 4                    |
| 10      | Himachal Pradesh     | 59                 | 61                   | 1                  | 1                    | 16                 | 17                   |
| 11      | Jammu & Kashmir      | 278                | 257                  | 54                 | 52                   | 371                | 38                   |
| 12      | Jharkhand            | 644                | 112                  | 216                | 1487                 | 71                 | 64                   |
| 13      | Karnataka            | 838                | 1089                 | 571                | 432                  | 757                | 611                  |
| 14      | Kerala               | 148                | 518                  | 41                 | 217                  | 213                | 354                  |
| 15      | Madhya Pradesh       | 3406               | 7451                 | 624                | 204                  | 1203               | 379                  |
| 16      | Maharashtra          | 894                | 310                  | 1193               | 335                  | 811                | 194                  |
| 17      | Manipur              | 19                 | 38                   | 79                 | 95                   | 25                 | 40                   |
| 18      | Meghalaya            | 783                | 444                  | 1166               | 27                   | 68                 | 44                   |
| 19      | Mizoram              | 1648               | 1936                 | 1827               | 2746                 | 1202               | 2327                 |
| 20      | Nagaland             | 1                  | 0                    | 93                 | 678                  | 58                 | 224                  |
| 21      | Odisha               | 2200               | 2137                 | 6049               | 10976                | 5533               | 9512                 |
| 22      | Rajasthan            | 1384               | 472                  | 660                | 225                  | 875                | 216                  |
| 23      | Sikkim               | 0                  | 0                    | 17                 | 10                   | 24                 | 22                   |
| 24      | Telangana            | 365                | 11496                | 3766               | 7603                 | 442                | 10335                |
| 25      | Tamil Nadu           | 1964               | 1439                 | 3328               | 3999                 | 2968               | 3469                 |
| 26      | Tripura              | 10                 | 10                   | 1637               | 597                  | 524                | 45                   |
| 27      | Uttarakhand          | 154                | 90                   | 6                  | 2                    | 317                | 311                  |
| 28      | Uttar Pradesh        |                    |                      | 3                  | 1                    | 2                  | 0                    |
| 29      | West Bengal          | 687                | 7706                 | 540                | 3946                 | 416                | 8412                 |
|         | <b>Total</b>         | <b>18531</b>       | <b>54461</b>         | <b>29765</b>       | <b>65377</b>         | <b>30079</b>       | <b>58679</b>         |

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