

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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MSMEs DEVELOPMENT IN AKOLA AND WASHIM
DISTRICTS OF MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered in the Akola and Washim districts of Maharashtra, sector-wise;
- (b) the various schemes and initiatives implemented by the Ministry to promote MSMEs in Akola and Washim, including details of funding, subsidies and other support provided;
- (c) the steps taken to address the specific challenges faced by MSMEs in Akola and Washim, such as access to credit, technology upgradation and marketing support;
- (d) the progress made in setting up an MSME cluster or park in Akola and Washim and the benefits expected to accrue to the local MSMEs from such a project; and
- (e) the plans to promote entrepreneurship and skill development among youth and women in Akola and the initiatives taken to encourage startups and innovation in the district?

ANSWER

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

- (a): As per data available on Udyam Registration Portal, the sector wise details of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) including Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs), registered in Akola and Washim districts of Maharashtra as on 31.01.2026 are as given below:

Sector-wise Number of MSMEs				
Sl. No.	District	Manufacturing	Service	Trading
1	Akola	28,293	44,010	56,633
2	Washim	14,910	21,917	30,228

(b) & (c): The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States/UTs Governments through various schemes, programmes and policy initiatives for overall development and promotion of MSMEs in the country, including Akola and Washim Districts of Maharashtra.

- To support MSMEs in access to credit, technology upgradation and marketing support, Ministry of MSME implements MSME Champions scheme to unify, synergize, and converge various schemes. There are 3 components under MSME Champions scheme, which includes MSME-Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme, MSME-Competitive (Lean) Scheme, MSME-Innovative (Incubation, Design & IPR) Scheme and Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS) scheme.

- Under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) General Category beneficiaries are assisted with Margin Money (MM) subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to Special Categories, the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. During the last five years (FY-2020-21 to FY-2024-25), 219 and 268 Micro enterprises have been assisted in Washim and Akola Districts of Maharashtra respectively.
- Ministry of MSME implements Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) through Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) to provide credit guarantee for loans extended to MSEs. The ceiling for guarantee coverage under the scheme is Rs 10 crore. The details of credit guarantees extended to MSEs under CGS in Washim and Akola Districts, since inception till 31.01.2026, are as under:

	No. of guarantees approved	Amount approved (in Rs. crore)
Akola	10,397	1,079
Washim	4,710	333

- Under Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS) scheme three exhibitions were approved in Akola district.

(d): Under the Micro and Small Enterprises- Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) Scheme, 18 Common Facility Centres and 5 Infrastructure facilities in new/existing industrial estates (IID) in the State of Maharashtra have been completed. As of now no project in Akola and Washim districts has been undertaken.

(e): To encourage self-employment and strengthen entrepreneurial capabilities, the Ministry implements Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes (EAPs) and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs). During the last three years, eight Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes (EAPs) and six Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) were conducted in both districts.
