

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3318
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 12, 2026**

POLICY REVIEW FOR PM SVANIDHI SCHEME

NO. 3318. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any policy review has been undertaken to assess the impact of PM SVANidhi scheme beyond credit access and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the scope for additional non-credit support has been examined and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether any next-phase policy enhancements are under consideration and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a) & (b): Yes. Impact assessment studies of the PM SVANidhi scheme had been undertaken by Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad in 2023 & 2025. The 2023 study found that PM SVANidhi was the first loan from a bank for 95% of the beneficiaries and the loan was utilized for expanding their business. The 2025 study found that the average annualized business income among SVANidhi borrowers grew by around 20 percent, between 2023 and 2025. Around 30 percent of borrowers across all cycles reported holding loans other than PM SVANidhi loans which underscores the scheme's role in building credit histories for vendors who previously had little or no access to formal credit. Further the study also found the scheme's impact extends well beyond business recovery. By easing credit constraints and stabilizing household cash flows, the scheme has enabled vendor families to improve living conditions, strengthen food security, enhance access to health-care, and support children's education.

(c): The Government in August, 2025 has approved the restructured PM SVANidhi Scheme, extending the lending period under the scheme up to 31st March 2030. In the restructured scheme the loan amounts for first tranche and second tranche have been enhanced to, up to Rs 15,000 and up to Rs 25,000, respectively. The restructured scheme now provides for cashback on wholesale purchases in addition to cashback on retail digital transactions. Coverage of the scheme has been expanded beyond statutory towns to include census towns, peri-urban areas, etc. in a graded manner. Additionally, UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card has been introduced for beneficiaries who have repaid the second loan tranche.
