

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5175
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF DAY-NRLM

5175. Shri Durai Vaiko:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing schemes to promote skill development and entrepreneurship among rural women, particularly through programmes such as the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM);**
- (b) if so, the details of such programmes implemented in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Tiruchirappalli and Pudukottai districts;**
- (c) the number of women trained and supported to start micro and small enterprises in these districts during the last five years;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand training, financial assistance and market linkages for rural women entrepreneurs in these districts, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and promote women-led enterprises in rural areas?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a) to (c): Yes. Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the following two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) & Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) in the field of skill development for rural poor youth for their gainful employment with a view to eradicate poverty in the country under the umbrella scheme of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) including in the State of Tamil Nadu. A brief on the Schemes is as follows:

I. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY): DDU-GKY is a placement-linked skill development program for rural poor youth in the age group of 15-35 years. It empowers the rural poor youth with employable skills and facilitates their participation in regular labour markets, thus providing them with jobs having regular monthly wages at or above the minimum wages. DDU-GKY guideline provides social inclusion of SC/ST (50%), Women (33%), and PwDs (5%).

II. Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs): Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) is a poverty alleviation programme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) that promotes sustainable livelihoods through skill development with a mandate of minimum 70% settlement. Functioning as a strategic arm of the Skill India Mission and adhering to common norms of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

RSETIs operates through a three-way partnership among the Ministry of Rural Development, State/UT Governments, and Sponsor Banks. Banks establish at least one RSETI in each lead district to provide fully funded by MoRD, largely residential, short-term National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) aligned training to rural youth (18–50 years) with a focus on self-employment and micro-enterprise development, along with credit linkage and two years of handholding support.

The Scheme ensures inclusive participation of women, SC/STs, minorities, PwDs, SHG members and through convergence with various government schemes and departments, training programmes are extended to beneficiaries identified under NRLM, PMEGP, DAY-NULM, MUDRA, PMAY-G and MGNREGA and other livelihood and entrepreneurship promotion initiatives, thereby enhancing employability, reducing distress migration, and strengthening rural livelihoods.

The details of women candidates trained and placed/ settled under DDU-GKY & RSETI in Tiruchirappalli and Pudukottai districts are given in Annexure-I.

(d): The Government is implementing the RSETIs programme at Tiruchirappalli and Pudukottai to promote entrepreneurship among rural poor, including women. Under this programme, training, financial assistance and market linkages for rural women entrepreneurs are being continuously strengthened. RSETIs conduct

skill development and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs), with several courses exclusively designed for women, such as tailoring, food processing, and service-oriented activities.

Further, trained candidates are provided handholding support and are facilitated for credit linkage with banks to enable them to establish micro-enterprises. In addition, women entrepreneurs are supported through convergence with schemes such as DAY-NRLM, MUDRA and Stand-Up India, which provide financial assistance and promote enterprise development. Efforts are also made to improve market linkages through institutional support, digital platforms, and self-help group networks.

(e): The Government has taken several steps to strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and promote women-led enterprises in rural areas through the RSETIs in convergence with other schemes. RSETIs conduct skill development and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) for SHG members, particularly women, to enhance their entrepreneurial capabilities and enable them to take up self-employment activities. Special focus is given to need-based and locally relevant trades to support viable women-led enterprises.

Further, trained SHG members are provided post-training handholding support, including guidance in preparation of project reports, enterprise management, and facilitation of credit linkage with banks for setting up micro-enterprises.

RSETIs also coordinate with banks and line departments to improve credit flow and ensure timely financial assistance to SHGs. The Government continues to strengthen these initiatives to enhance sustainability, income generation, and scalability of women-led enterprises in rural areas.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5175 due for reply on 24.03.2026

Women candidates trained and placed/ settled in Tiruchirappalli and Pudukottai under DDU-GKY & RSETI during the last 5 years and the current year:

Scheme	DDU-GKY				RSETI			
	Tiruchirappalli		Pudukottai		Tiruchirappalli		Pudukottai	
District	Women Trained	Women placed	Women Trained	Women placed	Women Trained	Women settled	Women Trained	Women settled
2020-21	184	158	73	70	344	695	321	280
2021-22	354	282	200	158	367	358	377	522
2022-23	317	246	300	186	699	518	651	462
2023-24	280	219	298	178	716	647	669	539
2024-25	165	62	115	87	956	866	889	915
2025-26 (till Feb 2026)	55	33	72	13	832	749	866	788
Total	1355	1000	1058	692	3914	3833	3773	3506

Source: State Govt. of Tamil Nadu (DDU-GKY) and NACER (RSETI)
