

in Bhakra, Pong and Ranjit Sagar (Thein) dams reached higher levels this year in comparison to average years.

Accordingly, to safeguard the dam structures and to protect downstream area from flood during the impending monsoon, a consensus decision was taken by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) and the partner States namely Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana to utilize maximum possible water in their canal system before the monsoon and release only the excess water into Pakistan so as to make room for fresh inflows into dam reservoirs during the monsoon. As a result, an average of 7700 cusec of water below Ferozepur barrage, downstream of Harike barrage and 2300 cusec of water below Madhopur barrage on Ravi had to be released between 21st May to 20th June, 2019.

(c) The storage capacity of reservoirs is regulated by the dam height and cannot be increased. Hence, no storage capacity of these dams has been increased in the last three years.

Skill development under PMEGP

1668. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to augment skill development under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the initiatives taken by Government to strengthen the PMEGP and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the target of employment set by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the progress for the same?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) is being given to the PMEGP beneficiaries through Rural Development and Self Employment Training Institutes (RUDSETI)/(RSETIs) and KVIC, KVIB Training Centers as well as other national level Entrepreneurship Development Institutes (EDIs).

The objective of EDP is to provide orientation and awareness pertaining to various managerial and operational functions like Finance, production, marketing, enterprise management, banking formalities, book-keeping etc. it also includes interaction with successful rural entrepreneur, banks as well as orientation through field visits. 10 days EDP training is mandatory for all type of projects.

(c) The following steps are taken by the Government to strengthen the PMEGP in all over the country.

- I. To bring in transparency and expedite disbursement of Margin Money under PMEGP scheme, Ministry of MSME has introduced online Margin Money disbursement directly to financing bank branches.
- II. 2nd dose of financial assistance has been allowed for expansion/upgrading the existing PMEGP/MUDRA units (for manufacturing units upto 1.00 Cr and for service unit upto ₹25.00 Lakhs with subsidy of 15% for non NER and 20% for NER and hilly state).
- III. Association of NSIC, MSME-DIs and Toll Rooms for providing necessary handholding and monitoring support to beneficiaries. TV.
- VI. To boost the marketing of KVI product, 10% of financial allocations for trading activities *i.e.* business/trading activities in the form of sales outlets will be permitted in NER, LWE - affected districts and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- V. Retail outlets/business - selling Khadi products, Village Industry products procured from Khadi and Village Industry Institutions certified by KVIC and products manufactured by PMEGP/SFURTI units only permitted under PMEGP across the country upto 10% of the total financial allocation.
- VI. Awareness camps, workshops, Bankers Meetings and exhibitions at all levels are being organized in order to propagate the PMEGP scheme for the development of micro industries.
- VII. Coir activities are included under the scheme and Coir Board has been made as an implementing agency.
- VIII. Process of Geo-tagging of all the units is initiated.

The target set and achievement under PMEGP for the last three years are given below:

Year	Target			Achievement		
	No. of projects	Margin Money (₹ in Crore)	Estimated Empl- oyment (Nos.)	No. of projects	Margin Money (₹ in Crore)	Estimated Empl- oyment (Nos.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2016-17	54345	1082.90	434760	52912	1280.94	407840
2017-18	58750	1170.00	470000	48398	1312.40	387184
2018-19*	72381	2068.80	579048	73427	2070.00	587416

*Including 2nd Loan for upgradation of existing PMEGP/MUDRA units

(d) The target of employment set by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during the year 2019-20 and the progress is given below:

Year	Employment target	Employment Generated (As on 26.06.2019)
2019-20	585930	36904

Establishment of SSIs

1669. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Small Scale Industries (SSIs) to encourage Khadi in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such industries established during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRINITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) For establishment of Small Scale Industries (SSIs) to encourage Khadi in the country, Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has developed an online application system 'Khadi Institutions Registration and Certification Seva' (KIRCS) for encouraging more number of Khadi Institutions so that entrepreneurs and NGOs interested in production and sales activities of Khadi can obtain 'Khadi Certificate' and 'Khadi Mark' from KVIC and start their Khadi activities. The institutions registered and having 'Khadi Mark' Certificate can get assistance under the following schemes:

- (i) Market Promotion Development Assistance (MPDA) - A unified scheme by merging Market Development Assistance, Publicity, Marketing and Market Promotion. A new component for Infrastructure namely setting up of Marketing Complexes/ Khadi Plazas has been added to expand the marketing network of Khadi & Village Industries products. Under the Modified MDA (MMDA) financial assistance at 30% of the Prime Cost is distributed amongst Producing Institutions (20%), Selling Institutions (10%), Artisans (40%). The remaining amount is to be given to best performing Khadi Institutions selected through a transparent scorecard.
- (ii) Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme provides credit at concessional rate of interest through Banks as per the requirement of the Khadi institutions. The institutions are required to pay interest of only 4%, any interest charged by