

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and how Ministry is planning to go ahead?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) to (d) The matters pertaining to revision of limit of creamy layer and modalities of its implementation are under examination of Government.

Assistance to old age homes

466. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what assistance does Government provide for running of Old Age Homes; and

(b) whether any special assistance has been provided to these institutions during the pandemic, since their source of funding would have got dried up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) This Ministry is implementing National Action Plan for Senior Citizens (NAPSrC) which has a component of Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC) under which grants in aid is given for running and maintenance of, *inter alia*, Senior Citizens Homes (Old Age Homes) to Implementing Agencies (IAs) such as State Governments/Union Territory Administrations (through Registered Societies)/Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/Local bodies; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Voluntary Organizations.

In view of the ongoing pandemic and considering the fact that the Implementing Agencies may not have sufficient funds, the Ministry has decided for release of advance grant to them. A total of ₹ 83.74 crore has already been released to the IAs during 2020-21, till date.

Awareness of VCF-SC

467. SHRI RAJEEV SATAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many of Scheduled Caste entrepreneurs

have not availed Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC) due to less awareness, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(b) the details of asset management companies involved in this initiative alongwith details of revenue and/or profits generated under this initiative;

(c) whether few women entrepreneurs have benefited under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of women entrepreneurs benefited under the scheme during the last three years and the types of projects supported during the said period, State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes was started in January 2015 under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Since inception, in order to create awareness about the scheme in the country and increase the number of Scheduled Castes (SC) entrepreneurs to avail benefit under the VCF-SC, the following steps have been taken:—

- Meets have been conducted across various states in locations like Phagwara (Punjab), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Kochi (Kerala), Udaipur (Rajasthan), Haldwani (Uttarakhand), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Patna (Bihar), Kota (Rajasthan), Chandigarh UT, Mohali (Punjab), Ludhiana (Punjab), Hyderabad (Telangana), Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir UT), Guwahati (Assam), and Kolkata (West Bengal).
- Attended Conferences / exhibitions organized by leading Associations/ Institutions/ Industry Associations.
- Presence in Expo's, Composite Camps, Credit Camps, Fairs, and other events organized by MOSJ&E, Banks and various associations.
- Advertisements have been published in leading and local Newspapers across the country.

- Use of social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Linked In for spreading the awareness of the scheme.
- Exclusive website (*www.vcfsc.in*) for promoting the scheme and for acceptance of online applications.
- Promotion of scheme through State SC development Finance corporations, industry associations, IIMs and IITs across the country.

(b) The Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC) is managed by IFCI Venture Capital Funds Ltd, the Investment Manager of the Fund. IFCI Venture Capital Funds Ltd is the subsidiary of IFCI Ltd (a Government of India Public Sector undertaking). IFCI Venture is located at 16th Floor, IFCI Tower, 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 19. Website: *www.ifciventure.com*, *www.vcfsc.in*;

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For managing and acting as Investment Manager of the Fund, IFCI Venture gets a fee @1.50% p.a. on the fund corpus.

(c) About 30% of the entrepreneurs assisted are women.

(d) and (e) The details on number of women entrepreneurs benefited under the scheme with State wise and project wise information are as below:—

State	Sector	Industry	Ind-Sub	No. of Women SC Entrepreneurs	No. of companies with 51% women ent.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	Service	Health Care	Multispeciality Hospital	1	
	Manufacturing	FMCG	Herbal Beauty Care Products	1	
	Manufacturing	Pharmaceuticals	Cancer Drug Manufacturing	1	
	Manufacturing	Power Plant	Solar Energy	1	
	Service	Hospitality	Hotel	2	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Rubber Powder	1	
	Service	Printing Services	Printing and Xerox Unit	2	
Bihar	Service	Auto	Commercial Vehicle Showroom	1	
	Manufacturing	Plastic	Plastic Furniture Items	1	
Delhi NCR	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Plastic Meter Boxes	1	
Gujarat	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Plastic Packaging Items	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Synthetic Net	2	

Haryana	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Automobile Battery Manufacturing	1	
	Manufacturing	FMCG	Ladies Footwear	1	
	Service	IT/ITES	Aadhar Centre	1	
	Service	Entertainment	Event Management Services	1	
	Manufacturing	Health Care	Ayurvedic Medicines Manufacturing	2	1
Maharashtra	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Aluminium Castings	1	
	Manufacturing	FMCG	Broom and Wipers	1	
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Edible Oil Manufacturing	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Corrugated Boxes	1	
	Manufacturing	Textile	Terry Towel Manufacturing	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	MS /SS Pipes, tubes, lancing tubes and scaffolding	1	1
	Service	Health Care	Fitness Centre	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	RMC Plant	1	
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Tomato Pulp Processing	3	
	Manufacturing	Textile	Terry Towel Manufacturing	1	

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	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Grain Mill	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Manufacturing of Manganese Oxide	1	
	Manufacturing	Textile	Yarn Manufacturing	1	
	Service	Health Care	Multispeciality Hospital	2	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Corrugated Boxes	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	PVC Pipes and HDPE Pipes	1	
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Onions	1	
	Service	Infrastructure	Shopping Complex	1	1
	Manufacturing	Textile	Cotton Ginning and Pressing	2	
Puducherry	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Pre-fabricated Building Structure Manufacturing	1	
Punjab	Service	Hospitality	Hotel	1	
Rajasthan	Service	Entertainment	Amusement Park	1	1
Tamil Nadu	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Welding Electrodes and Weir Plates	1	
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Coffee	1	
	Service Centre	Health Care	Oncology Treatment	1	
	Service	Infrastructure	Cold Storage Facility	1	

State	Service	Infrastructure	Cold Storage Facility	65	7
Telangana	Manufacturing	FMCG	Coconut Products	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Fabrication of Roofing Sheets	1	1
	Service	IT/ITES	Software Development - Education Services	1	
	Manufacturing	Textile	Garment Manufacturing	2	1
	Manufacturing	Power Plant	Solar Energy	4	
	Manufacturing	Textile	Garment Manufacturing	2	1
	Service	Health Care	Diagnostic Centre	1	
	Manufacturing	Industrial Products	Fabrication of Roofing Sheets	1	
	Service	Printing Services	Printing and Xerox Unit	1	
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Flour and allied products	2	
Uttar Pradesh	Service	Entertainment	Amusement Park	1	
	Service	IT/ITES	Software Development - POS System	1	
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Rice Mill	1	
West Bengal	Manufacturing	Textile	Garment Manufacturing	1	1
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Rice Mill	1	1
	Manufacturing	Food Processing	Tea Products	2	1