

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1585
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021

Implementation of National SC/ST hub

1585. Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

Will the Minister of *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises* be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of the National SC/ST hub;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated and spent for the purpose and how much has been spent in/for Northeast States;
- (c) the number of SC/ST entrepreneurs trained for the purpose and the total amount of procurement made by Central Public Sector Enterprises and Government from SC/ST owned MSMEs since the inception of the scheme; and
- (d) how far the objectives of the scheme has been achieved?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a): The National SC/ST Hub (NSSH) is being implemented through National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) a PSU under this Ministry to provide professional support to SC/ST entrepreneurs to fulfill the obligations under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises, adopt applicable business practices and leverage the Stand up India initiative with an objective to promote “enterprise culture” amongst the SC/ST Population. A number of initiatives have been taken under the Hub which include Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS), Special Marketing Assistance Scheme (SMAS), Single Point Registration Scheme (SPRS), capacity building programmes, reimbursement of Bank Guarantee charges, Bank Loan processing charges, Testing Charges/fee of various NABL accredited laboratories etc. Further, to provide mentoring and handholding support to SC/ST entrepreneurs 15 National SC-ST Hub Offices (NSSHOs) have been set up across the country. These NSSHOs are offering technical support to SC-ST MSEs on bid participation, finance facilitation, participation in special vendor development programmes, CPSE connects, e-tender trainings, GeM, Udyam registration, etc.

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(b): The details of fund allocated and released under National SC/ST Hub during last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Fund allocation		Total fund released	Fund released for NER
	BE	RE		
2018-19	93.96	78.30	77.78	5.01
2019-20	121.69	80.00	79.65	10.00
2020-21	150.00	120.00	120.00	0.05

(c) & (d): Under the capacity building programme of NSSH, 26,360 SC/ST candidates have been trained in various areas in the country. The scheme has been effective to address the issues of the SC/ST entrepreneurs and has enhanced their participation in the public procurement process. The procurement from SC-ST MSEs has increased significantly since implementation of NSSH. The procurements from MSEs owned by the SC/STs is monitored through MSME SAMBANDH portal (launched on 08.12.2017). The details of procurement made by the CPSEs from SC/ST MSEs during last four years and current year are as under

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Procurement SC/ST MSEs
2017-18	544.45
2018-19	824.71
2019-20	692.88
2020-21	753.97
2021-22*	123.64

*As on 28.07.2021
