

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 2584
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WOMEN OWNED ENTERPRISES

QUESTION

2584 #SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of *Corporate Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of enterprises owned by women in India; and
- (b) the work done by Government towards empowering enterprises owned by women in building a new India, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) administers the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008. The concept of Enterprise Ownership is not there under these Acts. However, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Ministry of MSME) has informed that as per 73rd Round of NSS Report on Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Enterprises' (July 2015- June 2016) conducted by Ministry of Statistics & PI (MoSPI), the estimated number of women owned MSMEs in all India were about 1.24 crore. The estimated number of female workers employed in MSMEs in all India were 2.65 crore.

Ministry of MSME have taken several initiatives for women engaged in the MSME sector which include the following:

- (i) Under Public Procurement Policy, out of 25% procurement by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) mandated from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), 3% is reserved for women entrepreneurs.
- (ii) The Coir Board is implementing Mahila Coir Yojana, which is an exclusive training programme aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in the Coir industry, in coir producing States of the country.
- (iii) Under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), women entrepreneurs are eligible to get subsidy at the higher slab (25% in the urban areas and 35% in the rural areas).
