

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3967**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

ALLOCATION FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

3967. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the budget allocation for the entrepreneurship and skill development programme during the last five years and in the current Financial Year 2022-23, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) how many students and young entrepreneurs have benefitted from the programme so far, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government plans to expand this programme by launching a similar women specific initiative, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)**

(a) Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) Scheme is implemented by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to inculcate entrepreneurial culture in the Country. The budget allocation for the ESDP scheme during the last five years and current year are given below:-

Financial Year	2018-19 (Revised Estimate)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Revised Estimate)	2021-22 (Revised Estimate)	2022-23 (Budget Estimate)
Budget Allocation (Rs. In crores)	15.45	136.79	6.60	10.00	40.00

(b) The number of beneficiaries under ESDP scheme of the Ministry of MSME is given in the table below:-

Financial Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
No. of Beneficiaries	9,534	2,39,873	27,656	53,289

Furthermore, number of beneficiaries under the project "Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women", a partnership project of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), are as under:-

Region	Total number of beneficiaries per state
NER – 8 states	233
Rajasthan (9 districts)	105
Telangana (26 districts)	109
Maharashtra (3 districts)	120
Uttar Pradesh (4 districts)	158
Total	725

The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati are two autonomous organizations functioning under the administrative control of MSDE. The major activities of the Institutes include Training of Trainers, Management Development Programmes, Entrepreneurship-cum-Skill Development Programmes, Entrepreneurship Development Programmes and Cluster Intervention, with IIE, Guwahati having focus on North Eastern Region. The year-wise number of participants trained in Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes conducted by NIEBSUD and IIE, are as under: -

Sl. No.	FY Year	Beneficiaries NIESBUD	Beneficiaries IIE
1	FY 2017-18	50,749	2,275
2	FY 2018-19	44,504	2,470
3	FY 2019-20	29,367	2,961
4	FY 2020-21	24,521	4,709
5	FY 2021-22	21,391	4,830
Grand Total		1,70,532	17,245

(c) The objective of the ESDP scheme of the Ministry of MSME is to motivate youth representing different sections of the society including SC/ST/Women, differently abled, Ex-servicemen and Below Poverty Line (BPL) persons to consider self employment or entrepreneurship as one of the career options. The ultimate objective is to promote new enterprises, capacity building of existing MSMEs and inculcating entrepreneurial culture in the Country.

‘Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women’ (WEE) project is being supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in partnership with MSDE, to improve the framework conditions for women-led enterprises in India. The project aims to pilot incubation and acceleration programmes for women micro entrepreneurs, enabling them to start new businesses and scale up existing enterprises in the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and 8 North Eastern States of the Country. A total of 725 women entrepreneurs have been supported under the project under both incubation and acceleration support programmes.
