

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

2015. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains data pertaining to the registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units in the country owned by women entrepreneurs, if so, what is the total number of such MSMEs units and also what is their percentage in terms of total registered MSMEs; and
- (b) whether Government has any specific scheme to promote women entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a): Yes Sir. The total number of women entrepreneurs which have registered on the Udyam Registration (UR) portal as on 15.3.2022 and have been classified as Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) is 13,47,946, which is 17.49% of total 77,08,217 MSMEs which have registered and have been classified.

(b): The Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and programmes to promote MSME Sector, including women owned enterprises. These schemes and programmes inter-alia include Prime Minister's Employment Generation programme (PMEGP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), Khadi Vikas Yojana, Gramodyog Vikas Yojana, Coir Vikas Yojana, Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), etc. Benefits under these schemes are available to all eligible MSMEs throughout the country including women. In addition to it, the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises Order, 2012 mandates 3% procurement by the Central Government Ministries, Departments and Public Sector Undertakings from MSEs owned by women.
