

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1392
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

SCHEMES UNDER KVIC FOR DARJEELING AND KALIMPONG

1392 SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

- (a) whether Government is running any scheme for the promotion of agriculture based industries under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the twin districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong, West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, Ministry of MSME through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing following programmes for promotion of agro based food processing industries (ABFPI):

1. **Khadi & Gramodyog Vikas Yojana (KGVY):** Under Agro-Based and Food Processing Industries (ABFPI), a vertical under Gramodyog Vikas Yojana, the objective is to impart skill development programmes with new modern technologies in producing various agro based food products and providing sustainable income to the artisans, rural unemployed youth and farmers. Activities covered under ABFPI are all the post-harvest activities like Pulses & Cereals Processing Industry, Palm Gur & Khandsari Industry, Fruits & Vegetables Processing Industries, Village Oil Industry, Milk & Milk based Industries etc. and assistance is provided to the artisans through skill development program alongwith tool kits.

Honey Mission/Beekeeping programme, a component of ABFPI, launched in 2017-18 to supplement income of farmers and unemployed youth. Under this programme 10 days training provided and after training 10 Bee boxes with live bee colonies distributed to trained beneficiary. During the year 2021-22, 50 beekeepers benefitted and 500 bee boxes distributed in Darjeeling district of West Bengal.

2. **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP),** is a major credit-linked subsidy programme, aimed at generating self-employment opportunities for the rural and urban unemployed persons through establishment of micro-enterprises in **non-farm sector**, in the country. Under PMEGP, general category beneficiaries can avail benefit of margin money subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as ST/SC/OBC/ women/ minorities/ transgenders etc. the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. Beneficiary contribution is 10% (General Category) and 5% (Special Category). The maximum projects cost is Rs. 50 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs. 20 lakh in the service sector.

Number of micro units setup, margin money disbursed and employment generated in **Darjeeling and Kalimpong** districts of West Bengal under PMEGP during last three years and current year up to 30.11.2022 is as follows:

Performance of PMEGP and KGVY Schemes in Darjeeling District

(Projects & Employment: in numbers, Margin Money(MM): Rs. in Lakh)

Year	PMEGP			Agro based units under PMEGP		
	Projects	MM	Employment	Projects	MM	Employment
2019-20	71	167.90	568	24	64.30	192
2020-21	80	217.90	640	18	53.00	144
2021-22	69	196.28	552	12	32.75	4416
2022-23 (up to 30.11.2022)	26	66.03	208	3	8.18	24

Performance of PMEGP and KGVY Schemes in Kalimpong District

(Projects & Employment: in numbers, Margin Money(MM): Rs. in Lakh)

Year	PMEGP			Agro based units under PMEGP		
	Projects	MM	Employment	Projects	MM	Employment
2019-20	9	15.82	72	2	4.07	16
2020-21	5	12.04	40	3	7.33	24
2021-22	12	34.76	96	1	2.80	8
2022-23 (up to 30.11.2022)	12	23.90	96	4	4.96	32

(c): Does not arise.

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