

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

442. #Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) the increase in the number of women entrepreneurs in the country, State-wise, particularly for the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government proposes to launch any new schemes or programmes to promote women entrepreneurs in the country, if so, the State-wise details thereof, including the State of Rajasthan; and
- (c) whether Government is launching any special programme to promote entrepreneurship among rural women in the country, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (c) Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society, including women. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready & industry ready skills.

MSDE has also taken various initiatives to promote women entrepreneurship in urban as well as rural areas across the country, including the State of Rajasthan through its Autonomous Institutions namely, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati. Further, for Skill Training of Women, 311 ITIs exclusively for women are also functional. In addition, there are 19 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) for women which organise skill training programmes under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Training of Trainers under Crafts Instructor Training Scheme (CITS).

The details of the various initiatives/programmes undertaken by MSDE for development of Women Entrepreneurs are as under:

(i) Strengthening Entrepreneurial Climate through Capacity Building, Incubation Support, Mentoring and Handholding sanctioned under SANKALP Scheme

NIESBUD is implementing the project for strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem to different sections of the society including marginalized population with the support of SANKALP Programme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The number of state wise women beneficiaries covered in the project through capacity building interventions is as under:

S No.	State	No. of Participants Trained
1.	Bihar	1968
2.	Chhattisgarh	426
3.	Delhi	116
4.	Haryana	45
5.	Himachal Pradesh	210
6.	Jammu And Kashmir	65
7.	Jharkhand	1670
8.	Karnataka	33
9.	Kerala	80
10.	Ladakh	69
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2166
12.	Maharashtra	735
13.	Odisha	2029
14.	Punjab	73
15.	Rajasthan	411
16.	Tamil Nadu	41
17.	Telangana	259
18.	Uttar Pradesh	2440
19.	Uttarakhand	924
20.	West Bengal	227
	Total	13987

(ii) Entrepreneurship Development among Jail Inmates

MSDE is implementing a project for Promoting Entrepreneurship Development among Jail Inmates through NIESBUD. The project has been implemented in the Nari Bandi Niketan, Lucknow, Model Jail, Lucknow and Central Jail, Varanasi. The number of women beneficiaries trained in the project is as under:

SNo.	States	No. of Participants Trained
1.	Uttar Pradesh	140

(iii) Organising Workshops In Artisan Melas And Haats

NIESBUD is implementing a project supported by the MSDE for organising workshops for capacity building and providing entrepreneurial knowledge to the artisans during the Melas and Haats. The number of state wise women beneficiaries covered in the project is as under:

S.No.	States	No. of Participants Trained
1.	Chhattisgarh	33
2.	Delhi	54
3.	Gujarat	29
4.	Gurugram	39
5.	Jammu and Kashmir	95
6.	Uttar Pradesh	92
	Total	342

(iv) Creating Entrepreneurial Climate through Training of Trainers and Entrepreneurship Development Programme in Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)

NIESBUD is implementing a project for Creating Entrepreneurial Climate through Training of Trainers and Entrepreneurship Development Programme in Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS). The number of women JSS Trainers trained in the project through Trainers Training Programme on Employability, Entrepreneurship and Life Skills is as under:

SNo.	State	No. of Participants Trained
1	Bihar	95
2	Chhattisgarh	60
3	Gujarat	58
4	Himachal Pradesh	35
5	Jharkhand	42
6	Karnataka	67
7	Kerala	53
8	Madhya Pradesh	129
9	Maharashtra	87
10	Odisha	98
11	Rajasthan	32
12	Tamilnadu	31
13	Uttar Pradesh	246
14	Uttarakhand	39
15	West Bengal	33
	Total	1105

The number of women JSS Trainees trained in the project through Entrepreneurship Development Programme is as under:

SNo.	State	No. of Participants Trained
1	Bihar	425
2	Chandigarh	22
3	Chhattisgarh	378
4	Haryana	121
5	Himachal Pradesh	256
6	Jharkhand	269
7	Madhya Pradesh	416
8	Maharashtra	487
9	Odisha	466
10	Punjab	63
11	Uttar Pradesh	541
12	Uttarakhand	222
	Total	3666

(v) Pilot Project for Entrepreneurship Development Program

NIESBUD has implemented a Pilot Project for Entrepreneurship Development Program in 10 States sponsored by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship which aims at creating, fostering and promoting the spirit of entrepreneurship among the target groups through Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Mentoring and Handholding support. The number of women participants trained in the project is as under:

SNo.	State	No. of Participants Trained
1	Chhattisgarh	427
2	Karnataka	617
3	Madhya Pradesh	477
4	Maharashtra	580
5	Odisha	418
6	Rajasthan	372
7	Telangana	198
	Total	3089

(vi) **Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women (WEE)** project was supported by 'Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit' (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in partnership with the MSDE to improve the framework conditions for women-led enterprises in India. WEE project was launched by the MSDE in 2018, initially for duration of 3 years (2018-2021) which was further extended for one year to July, 2022. The project aimed 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 Eight North Eastern States of the Country. Under the title of 'Her & Now', the WEE project had carried out a film and media campaign to share the stories of successful Women Entrepreneurs and to foster a positive mindset change on gender roles and norms in the society. Over 908 Women Entrepreneurs were supported under the project under both incubation and acceleration support programmes. The State-wise/region-wise number of women entrepreneurs supported under the project under both incubation and acceleration support programmes from 2018 to 2022 is as under:

Region	Partner	No. of women entrepreneurs supported
NER – 8 states	Dhriiti – The Courage Within	233
Rajasthan – 9 districts	Startup Oasis	105
Telangana – 26 districts	WE Hub	109
Maharashtra – 3 districts	Mann Deshi Foundation	120
Uttar Pradesh – 4 districts	Empower Foundation	341
Total		908

The details of the various initiatives taken by Ministries/Departments of the Government to promote entrepreneurship among women in the country are as under:

(i) **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)** is implementing Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) welfare schemes in the field of skill development and Entrepreneurship for rural poor youth under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) for gainful employment and to eradicate poverty in the country. Under the RSETI scheme, 591 RSETIs are functioning in 577 districts in 33 States and UTs across the country. These RSETIs are extending Skill and Entrepreneurship training to rural unemployed youth by commencing their own micro enterprises. The state wise details of total unemployed women trained and settled are given in **Annexure-I**.

At present, out of the 591 RSETI functioning in 577 districts across the country, 35 RSETIs are functioning in the State of Rajasthan. MoRD has taken the initiative to expand the RSETIs scheme by opening new RSETIs in 111 uncovered districts of which 15 will be in the state of Rajasthan. The State-wise number of new RSETIs to be opened in the uncovered districts is provided in **Annexure-II**.

(ii) **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)**, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of new units in the non-farm sector. It aims to provide employment opportunities to traditional artisans/ rural and urban unemployed youth at their doorstep. Under PMEGP,

General Category beneficiaries can avail of Margin Money (MM) subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to Special Categories such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Minorities, Women, Ex-servicemen, Physically Handicapped, Transgenders, beneficiaries belonging to Northeastern Region, Hill and Border areas, and Aspirational Districts, the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban area. The maximum cost of project is Rs. 50 lakhs in the manufacturing sector and Rs. 20 lakhs in the service sector. Also, **own contribution of beneficiaries under Special Category including women is 05%** in comparison to 10% for General Category beneficiaries. Since 2018-19, existing PMEGP/ Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP)/MUDRA enterprises are also supported based on past good performances with 2nd loan for upgradation and expansion. Under 2nd Loan, maximum project cost admissible for Margin Money (MM) subsidy under Manufacturing sector is Rs. 1.00 crore and for Service sector is Rs. 25 Lakhs. Eligible subsidy on 2nd loan for all categories is 15% of project cost (20% for NER & Hill States). The details of women owned enterprises assisted under PMEGP during last 3 years and current year State/UT wise including the State of Rajasthan is at **Annexure-III**.

The data relating to the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises owned by women maintained by M/o Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises under Udyam Registration (UR) and Udyam Adhaar Portal (UAP) during the last 3 years and current year is given at **Annexure-IV**.

**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442 REGARDING
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The details of unemployed women trained and settled:

SNo.	Name of the State	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24 as on 31.10.2023	
		women trained	Women settled	women trained	Women settled	women trained	Women settled
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	407	367	373	397	325	189
2	Andhra Pradesh	5961	5089	8565	7187	5392	3336
3	Arunachal Pradesh	128	0	239	243	76	16
4	Assam	7849	6666	12137	9524	7253	3405
5	Bihar	12828	9206	16365	14496	10128	6212
6	Chhattisgarh	7612	6385	9749	9061	5817	2682
7	D & N Haveli	520	418	628	492	359	232
8	Gujarat	14701	12124	19290	15390	12415	6960
9	Haryana	9022	6572	11823	7721	6509	3825
10	Himachal Pradesh	4346	2959	5596	3747	3496	1982
11	Jammu & Kashmir	3403	2519	5826	4716	3804	2131
12	Jharkhand	12049	9444	16027	12107	8526	2673
13	Karnataka	12696	11246	17397	13881	10248	6187
14	Kerala	5092	4842	7951	6938	4896	2863
15	Lakshadweep	93	33	444	282	123	75
16	Madhya Pradesh	17931	15122	25123	20086	15758	9029
17	Maharashtra	14620	12275	20915	17112	11685	8100
18	Manipur	281	217	590	562	391	214
19	Meghalaya	1439	755	1534	1295	1114	401
20	Mizoram	412	388	555	495	367	350
21	Nagaland	202	180	184	208	111	68
22	Odisha	14788	13088	18611	16317	11564	7438
23	Pondicherry	446	340	667	633	505	244
24	Punjab	7599	5732	8401	6839	5289	3120
25	Rajasthan	20634	17132	26712	23016	15880	9887
26	Sikkim	165	115	332	269	194	166
27	Tamil Nadu	14119	12227	22636	18014	14715	10074
28	Telangana	3807	3548	4929	4327	3578	1314
29	Tripura	1981	1376	2377	1927	1802	937
30	UT Ladakh	466	271	508	313	228	103
31	Uttar Pradesh	47894	41746	48633	41883	28667	21706
32	Uttarakhand	5361	3675	6047	4793	3811	2124
33	West Bengal	8255	6343	10734	8706	7269	3806
	TOTAL	257107	212400	331898	272977	202295	121849

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The State-wise number of new RSETIs to be opened in the uncovered districts:

SNo.	State	No. of Districts
1	Andhra Pradesh	10
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3	Assam	6
4	Chattisgarh	15
5	Gujarat	3
6	Haryana	1
7	Himachal Pradesh	2
8	Karnataka	1
9	Maharashtra	1
10	Manipur	6
11	Mizoram	1
12	Madhy Pradesh	6
13	Nagaland	5
14	Punjab	5
15	Rajasthan	15
16	Tamil Nadu	2
17	Telangana	21
18	Tripura	3
19	Uttar Pradesh	3
20	West Bengal	4
	Total	111

**ANNEXURE-III REFERRED TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442 REGARDING
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The details of women owned enterprises assisted under PMEGP during last 3 years and current year State/UT wise including the State of Rajasthan:

SNo.	State/UT	No of Projects			
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (upto 1.12.2023)
1	Andaman Nicobar	42	43	24	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	856	1320	1716	1496
3	Arunachal	38	84	70	55
4	Assam	951	1272	907	410
5	Bihar	665	838	1335	1115
6	Chandigarh-UT	6	11	10	6
7	Chattisgarh	753	848	703	261
8	Delhi	33	45	30	21
9	Goa	18	43	36	24
10	Gujarat	1841	2630	1821	1446
11	Haryana	622	692	626	374
12	Himachal	431	472	352	171
13	Jammu & Kashmir	3235	8520	5035	3901
14	Jharkhand	444	502	613	276
15	Karnataka	1492	1940	1888	899
16	Kerala	953	1092	1257	626
17	Ladakh	85	82	28	24
18	Lakshadweep	2	1	1	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	1435	2385	1813	704
20	Maharashtra**	1179	1712	1523	589
21	Manipur	725	552	244	104
22	Meghalaya	140	283	121	52
23	Mizoram	417	333	195	156
24	Nagaland	310	535	196	88
25	Odisha	1319	1874	1757	567
26	Puducherry	13	24	13	7
27	Punjab	737	818	759	564
28	Rajasthan	663	670	596	372
29	Sikkim	24	33	22	35
30	Tamil Nadu	2663	2857	2856	1453
31	Telangana	734	1111	953	621
32	Tripura	224	260	165	80
33	Uttar Pradesh	2777	3712	3549	2350
34	Uttarakhand	551	489	484	267
35	West Bengal	907	1073	928	449
Total		27285	39156	32626	19570

ANNEXURE-IV REFERRED TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442 REGARDING 'WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS' TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023.

The State-wise number of Women owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises maintained by M/o Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises under Udyam Registration (UR) and Udyam Adhaar Portal (UAP) during the last 3 years and current year is as under:

State/UTs	2020-21	2021-2022	2022-23 (UR+UAP)	2023-24 (UR+UAP) (till 04.12.2023)
Andaman and Nicobar islands	461	734	988	1,001
Andhra Pradesh	12,817	34,665	70,871	434,650
Arunachal Pradesh	160	690	3,600	2,349
Assam	2,912	20,448	37,562	75,333
Bihar	14,525	38,530	53,501	775,675
Chandigarh	826	1,524	1,924	3,230
Chhattisgarh	4,188	9,646	18,144	173,544
Delhi	13,478	21,889	31,655	72,497
Goa	1,130	1,865	3,759	7,227
Gujarat	37,490	54,711	85,745	298,382
Haryana	12,582	24,581	41,953	123,602
Himachal Pradesh	1,892	4,597	8,799	9,960
Jammu and Kashmir	3,003	13,359	24,394	34,454
Jharkhand	5,798	14,083	33,845	236,586
Karnataka	29,782	57,559	96,251	334,134
Kerala	14,727	25,233	50,231	241,841
Ladakh	81	354	511	955
Lakshadweep	5	20	58	24
Madhya Pradesh	14,326	30,286	208,149	584,404
Maharashtra	123,263	191,349	275,790	748,523
Manipur	4,036	5,181	9,882	22,856
Meghalaya	196	642	2,307	4,811
Mizoram	421	1,516	4,175	9,871
Nagaland	194	1,109	3,047	13,384
Odisha	7,846	20,757	38,252	263,571
Puducherry	1,051	2,291	3,462	13,915
Punjab	13,590	28,650	58,055	135,125
Rajasthan	29,500	46,241	70,606	251,732
Sikkim	87	600	1,032	1,892
Tamil Nadu	70,492	127,293	201,586	590,794
Telangana	23,222	35,452	56,107	391,390
The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	453	701	931	2,133
Tripura	227	799	4,074	119,099
Uttar Pradesh	30,621	58,588	100,982	169,818
Uttarakhand	4,140	8,534	280,276	527,511
West Bengal	9,418	25,619	47,298	1,731,295
Total	488,940	910,096	1,929,802	8,407,568
