

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1542**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024

**PMEGP IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

1542. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) the details of employment created under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years;
- (b) the details of the funds provided, loans disbursed to youth and targets achieved under the PMEGP in Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the activity not allowed under PMEGP scheme; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to create more employment opportunities under the scheme across the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

- (a): Estimated Employment created under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years is as follows:

Financial Year	No. of Units Assisted	Estimated Employment Generated
2022-23	930	7,440
2023-24	974	7,792

- (b): Margin Money (MM) Subsidy achievement/utilization and loan disbursed under PMEGP scheme in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years is as follows:

Financial Year	Achievement- MM Utilized (Rs. in Cr)	Loan disbursement (Rs. in Cr)
2022-23	31.49	91.9
2023-24	36.47	106.26

Margin Money (MM) Subsidy achievement/utilization and loan disbursed under PMEGP scheme to youth in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years is as follows:

Financial Year	Youth Achievement- MM Utilized (Rs. in Cr)	Youth- Loan disbursement (Rs. in Cr)
2022-23	5.85	16.60
2023-24	7.01	20.38

(Youth: people belonging to age range 18-29)

(c): The following list of activities are not permitted under PMEGP for setting up of micro enterprises/ projects /units:

- (i) Any Industry/ Business connected with Meat(slaughtered), i.e., processing, canning and/or serving items made of it as food, production/manufacturing or sale of intoxicant items like Beedi/Pan/ Cigar/Cigarette etc., any Hotel or Dhaba or sales outlet serving liquor, preparation/producing tobacco as raw materials, tapping of toddy for sale will not be allowed. However, serving/selling non-vegetarian food at Hotels/Dhabas will be allowed.
- (ii) Activities prohibited by Local Government/Authorities keeping in view environment or socio-economic factors will not be allowed.
- (iii) Manufacturing of polythene carry bags of less than 75 microns thickness and manufacture of carry bags or containers made of recycled plastic for storing, carrying, dispensing or packaging of food stuff and any other item which causes environmental problems. Thickness of polythene carry bags shall be governed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notification for plastic waste management rules and amendments from time to time.
- (iv) Any Industry/Business connected with cultivation of crops/plantation like Tea, Coffee, Rubber etc., Horticulture, Floriculture, Animal Husbandry will not be allowed. However, value addition under these will be allowed under PMEGP. Off Farm/Farm Linked activities in connection with sericulture, horticulture, floriculture etc. will also be allowed.

(d): Steps taken by the Government to create more employment opportunities under PMEGP across the country:

- i. Maximum project cost admissible has been enhanced from Rs. 25 Lakhs to Rs. 50 Lakhs for Manufacturing sector and from Rs. 10 Lakhs to Rs. 20 Lakhs for Service sector.
- ii. Applicants from Aspirational districts and Transgenders have been included in Special Category.
- iii. Relaxations with respect to Animal Husbandry have been provided to include dairy, poultry, aquaculture, sericulture.
- iv. COVID years i.e., FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 have been exempted while considering profitability of existing PMEGP/ REGP/ MUDRA units applying for 2<sup>nd</sup> Loan under PMEGP.
- v. No mandatory Entrepreneurship Development Programme(EDP) training for project cost up to Rs. 2 lakh and shorter period of training (up to 5 days) for projects up to Rs. 5 lakh.
- vi. Awareness camps, workshops and exhibitions at all levels are being organized for creating awareness about the scheme among the prospective entrepreneurs.
- vii. Publicity of PMEGP scheme through print and electronic media.
- viii. A two-day free online Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for prospective entrepreneurs.
- ix. Webinars are organized on various activities for setting up of micro-enterprises on every Sunday to create awareness among the youth and prospective entrepreneurs.
- x. Radio jingles in regional languages have been made to create awareness of the scheme.

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