

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1547**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN MSMEs IN MAHARASHTRA**

1547. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to enhance and support employment opportunities for women in MSMEs in Maharashtra; and
- (b) the details about the effectiveness of these initiatives in increasing the number of women in MSMEs?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) has taken a number of initiatives to enhance and support employment opportunities for all, including women, across the country, including the State of Maharashtra. Details are given at Annexure-I.
- (b): The initiatives of the Ministry of MSME have resulted in providing employment opportunities to many women. Details are given at Annexure – II.

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**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1547 for 05.08.2024.**

The Ministry of MSME has taken a number of initiatives to enhance and support employment opportunities for all, including women, across the country, including the State of Maharashtra. Major initiatives are as follows:

- (i) MoMSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of new enterprises in the non-farm sector. It aims to provide employment opportunities to traditional artisans/ rural and urban unemployed youth at their doorstep.
- (ii) PMEGP being a Central Sector Scheme assists General Category beneficiaries with 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, OBCs, Minorities, Women, Ex-servicemen, Physically Handicapped, Transgender, beneficiaries belonging to North-eastern Region, Hill and Border areas, and Aspirational Districts, the Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. 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% and 10% for General Category beneficiaries.

Since 2018-19, existing PMEGP/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).

- (iii) Apart from the above, the PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on 17.09.2023 to provide and-to-end support to artisans as craftspeople who work with their hands and tools. The Scheme has been rolled out for implementation across the country in all the States.
- (iv) Mahila Coir Yojana is a women oriented, self-employment scheme being implemented by the Coir Board. The scheme is intended to provide training with stipend facilities and creation of self-employment opportunities to rural women artisans in regions producing coconut.
- (v) Apart from this, various other Government schemes, to promote MSME sector include Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS) scheme, Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGSMSE), Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSECDP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of traditional Industries (SFURTI), A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE) etc.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1547 for 05.08.2024

**Total number of women employed in MSMEs, State-wise under Udyam Registration Portal Since 01/07/2020 to 30/07/2024**

Sl. No.	State/UT	No of women employed
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	25,41,572
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	46,822
3	ASSAM	11,11,756
4	BIHAR	16,88,508
5	CHHATTISGARH	5,42,805
6	GOA	75,568
7	GUJARAT	20,18,874
8	HARYANA	11,41,060
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	2,06,768
10	JHARKHAND	6,83,569
11	KARNATAKA	44,99,780
12	KERALA	11,85,077
13	MADHYA PRADESH	16,63,955
14	<b>MAHARASHTRA</b>	<b>44,98,925</b>
15	MANIPUR	2,06,519
16	MEGHALAYA	45,023
17	MIZORAM	56,177
18	NAGALAND	53,035
19	ODISHA	18,54,563
20	PUNJAB	13,33,150
21	RAJASTHAN	24,07,902
22	SIKKIM	19,839
23	TAMIL NADU	65,06,983
24	TELANGANA	31,58,755
25	TRIPURA	1,57,018
26	UTTAR PRADESH	36,69,126
27	UTTARAKHAND	3,85,356
28	WEST BENGAL	28,41,488
29	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	73,629
30	CHANDIGARH	75,380
31	DELHI	13,25,963
32	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	5,02,656
33	LADAKH	9,701
34	LAKSHADWEEP	680
35	PUDUCHERRY	78,354
36	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	39,723
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,67,06,059</b>