

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1827
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

1827 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) the details of programmes introduced by the Government to encourage entrepreneurship among women;
- (b) the total number of female entrepreneurs who have set up small or micro enterprises on completion of skill development courses, during the last five years, State-wise and district-wise in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to introduce special incubation hubs for enterprises started by women, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) The Government of India has taken various initiatives to encourage women entrepreneurship across the country. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati has been working for the empowerment, upliftment and development of women entrepreneurs across the country. The following programmes are being implemented by National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati.

(i) NIESBUD has implemented the project for strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem across different sections of society including marginalized populations with the support of the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) Programme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) during 2021-24 in which 32,262 women (67% of total beneficiaries) participated.

(ii) Training-of-Trainers and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) and Trainers Training Programme on Employability, Entrepreneurship and Life Skills in Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) was implemented by NIESBUD during 2022-23 in which a total of 3883 women (78% of total beneficiaries) participated.

(iii) NIESBUD has conducted EDP training for the students of the National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) / Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and is providing mentoring and handholding support after the completion of the Entrepreneurship Development Programme for the establishment of the enterprises of the trainees under Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE). 22239 women (28% of total participants) have participated in the programme during 2023-24 (till May 2024).

(iv) Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) – NIESBUD and IIE are implementing the capacity building and entrepreneurship component of the PM-JANMAN Scheme for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). The Institutes are implementing the scheme in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. During 2023-24, NIESBUD and IIE have trained 36,016 participants, out of which 28,786 are women.

(v) Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana (RUVPI) on Pilot Basis for Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANIDHI) Beneficiaries – NIESBUD and IIE are implementing the project in collaboration with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). During 2023-24 (till May 2024), NIESBUD and IIE have trained 2729 participants out of which 904 are women.

The schemes of various other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India for encouraging entrepreneurship among women are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The total number of female entrepreneurs who have set-up small or micro enterprises on completion of skill development courses, through interventions of the Government of India, in the last five years, state-wise and district wise in Tamil Nadu are at **Annexure-II**.

(c) The Government of India has introduced various special incubation hubs for enterprises started by women. The details of various such incubation hubs are at **Annexure-III**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1827 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP”

A. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry is implementing various programmes to promote Women Entrepreneurship as per details given below:

- i. To promote flow of both equity and debt to women led startups, 10% of the fund in the Fund of Funds for Startups Scheme operated by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is reserved for women-led startups.
- ii. Startup India Hub: A webpage dedicated to women entrepreneurs has been designed on the Startup India portal. The page includes various policy measures for women entrepreneurs by both Central and State Governments.
- iii. Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP): The Government launched WEP in 2018 as an aggregator platform with the aim to overcome information asymmetry in the women entrepreneurial ecosystem. By showcasing all existing initiatives and providing domain knowledge it works towards empowering both prospective and present women entrepreneurs.
- iv. To identify the depth, quality and spread of innovation, inclusivity and diversity, and entrepreneurship in country, the Government instituted the National Startup Awards (NSA). NSA recognizes and promotes startups across 20 sectors and special categories. All four editions of the NSA (2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023) have featured a special category and award for women-led startups.

B. Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology - Department of Science and Technology (DST) has supported Women Entrepreneurship Development Program (WEDP), which is mandated for creating entrepreneurship skill within women and is conducted through institutions/organizations throughout the country. DST has supported establishment of startup incubation centres in academic setups focused for women entrepreneurs.

C. Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development - Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), the sub-scheme under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) programme supports the Self-Help Group (SHG) and their family members to set-up small enterprises in the non-farm sector.

D. National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM-T), Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) - Under MoFPI, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme launched in 2020 is providing training as well as financial assistance to women apart from general public. This scheme provides Credit-Linked Subsidy for individual & Group women entrepreneurs. SHG members can receive seed capital of ₹40,000 per member for working capital and the purchase of small tools. The scheme provides a 50% financial grant for branding and marketing support to groups of FPOs, SHGs, Cooperatives, or a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of micro food processing enterprises.

E. Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) - National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, operates an exclusive scheme for the empowerment of Scheduled Tribes Women titled Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY). Under the scheme, Scheduled Tribe women can

undertake any income generation activity. Loans up to 90% for projects costing up to ₹2 lakh are provided at a concessional rate of interest of 4% p.a. The unit cost under Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY) has been enhanced from ₹0.50 lakh to ₹1.00 lakh and now to ₹2.00 lakh per unit.

F. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) implements various schemes that address the need for credit, technology, market development, capacity building etc. of the MSMEs. Women Entrepreneurs are encouraged to avail the benefits of these schemes through various fora. A few of the schemes, having greater focus on women, are detailed below:

(i) Public Procurement Policy: The Government of India, through the Public Procurement Policy, has mandated that all Central Ministries/ Departments/Public Sector Enterprises will procure at least 3% of their annual procurement from women-owned Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs). The current procurement from women owned MSEs stands at 1.26 percent (from nearly 15,000 women entrepreneurs), which has seen an improvement from 0.3% in 2019-20.

(ii) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme: This flagship programme is a credit-linked subsidy programme for aspiring micro entrepreneurs to start their own enterprises in rural and urban areas. Women applicants are provided a higher subsidy than the general applicants. General category beneficiaries can avail 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 scheduled caste/scheduled tribe /women the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. Aspiring women entrepreneurs have been increasingly benefiting from this programme. During the last eight years more than 1.83 lakh women availed assistance under this scheme, and turned micro entrepreneurs.

(iii) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises: The Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGMSE) was launched by the Government of India to make available collateral-free credit to the micro and small enterprises for loans up to a limit of Rs. 500 lakh (w.e.f. 01.04.2023) to MSEs with a guarantee coverage up to 85% for loans to women, as against the normal rate of 75%. Both the existing and the new enterprises are eligible to be covered under the scheme

(iv) ZED Certification: MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme of Ministry of MSME, all Women owned manufacturing MSMEs registered in Udyam Portal are eligible for 100% (free) subsidy on cost of ZED certification w.e.f. 11th November, 2023.

(v) Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY): Mahila Coir Yojana is a sub-component of the Coir Vikas Yojana. MCY is a 100% women oriented and intensive two-month training programme which aims to provide training to rural women engaged in the coir sector, on sophisticated machinery/advanced technology in order to upscale their living standards and thereby attain self-sustainable employment. Under this programme, the women beneficiaries are given skill training in coir spinning. They are provided stipend during the training. The trainees are encouraged to apply for a loan under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) thereafter, for starting their own micro coir enterprises. During the last five years, more than 11,000 women artisans engaged in the coir industry were trained.

(vi) Capacity building through training programmes in the areas of entrepreneurship development, management development, market development, skill development, etc. are provided through the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development programmes. During the last three

years, around 3 lakh women were provided trainings through Khadi and Village Industry Commission (KVIC) training centres, Tool Rooms, Technology/Extension centres situated across the country. The Ministry aims to train the maximum number of women.

(vii) Under the SFURTI scheme, 80 clusters with women majority (i.e, with over 50% representation) have been approved under SFURTI scheme since July 2019

(viii) Yashasvini Campaigns for support and development of women entrepreneurs - During the year 2024-25, the Ministry has launched a series of “Yashasvini” mass campaigns for providing support and development of women entrepreneurs. These mass campaigns will be held in collaboration with other Ministries/Departments like Ministries of Rural Development, Housing and Urban Affairs, Tribal Affairs, NITI Aayog, State Governments, Women Industry Associations etc. The campaigns will be organized in Tier 2 and 3 cities in the country. The focus will be on formalization of informal women owned micro enterprises, providing handholding support for registration on Udyam portals, GeM, GST, PAN, etc. The details of schemes implemented by the Ministry and other organizations for access to credit, market, technology, capacity building, mentorship, etc. will be provided. Banks, SIDBI, CGTMSE and CPSEs etc. will be invited to install kiosks for hand holding support. The Yashasvini campaigns will be followed by capacity building programmes and mentorship programmes, wherein training in digital literacy, financial literacy, enterprise management, e- commerce, exports etc. will be provided. The first campaign was organized in Jaipur on 19th July 2024, in which more than 650 women entrepreneurs from the informal micro enterprises and Self Help Groups participated

(ix) MSME Trade Enablement and Marketing (MSME TEAM): The Ministry has launched a new sub-scheme called MSME TEAM Initiative to provide financial assistance/subsidy to micro and small enterprises to on-board on to the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), for catalogue making, account management, logistic support and packaging. Around 2.5 lakh women are envisaged to be benefited during the next three years.

(x) Samarth Initiative: In March 2022, the Ministry announced “Samarth Initiative” under which, every year, the following will be aimed:

(a) 20% seats in free Skill Development Programs organized under various skill development schemes of the Ministry will be allocated for women. More than 7500 women will benefit

(b) 20% of business delegations sent to domestic and international exhibitions under the schemes for Marketing Assistance implemented by the Ministry will be dedicated to women-owned MSMEs

(c) Ministry to provide 20% discount on annual processing fee on NSIC’s commercial schemes

(d) Special Drive for registration of women-owned MSMEs under Udyam Registration.

The Ministry has successfully achieved the targets in FY 22-23 and FY 23-24.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1827 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP”

1. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) - The details of number of female entrepreneurs who have set up small or micro-enterprises on completion of training by NIESBUD in the state of Tamil Nadu, district-wise are:

Sl. No.	State Name	Name of District	No. of Women Entrepreneurs
1	Tamil Nadu	Kanchipuram	27
		Villupuram	22
		Total	49

2. Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development - Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) supports the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and their family members to set-up small enterprises in the non-farm sector. SVEP is approved in the following Districts in the State of Tamil Nadu:

No.	District	Block	No. of Enterprises supported
1	Kanchipuram	Thiruporur	2305
2	Madurai	Thirumangalam	120
3	Namakkal	Rasipuram & Vennandur (2)	96
4	Villupuram	Ulundurpet	1843
5	Kallakurichi	Chinnasalem*	-
6	Thoothukudi	Kovilpatti*	-
7	Madurai	Sedapatti*	-
8	Chengalpet	Acharapakkam*	-
9	Trichy	Pullampadi*	-
10	Virudhunagar	Vembakottai*	-

*DPR preparation is ongoing.

Enterprises supported in Tamil Nadu under SVEP

S. No.	State	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Tamil Nadu	859	1,681	1,084	645	140	425

3. National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM), Ministry of Food Processing Industries - Under the PMFME Scheme in Tamil Nadu, female beneficiaries completed the skill development training courses as follows:

Sl. No.	Training Type	No of Qualified Women beneficiaries
1	District Level Committee (DLC) recommended trainees	514
2	SHG Members	23
	Total	537

* As per data given by the SNA-TN in PMFME Training Portal.

District Level Committee (DLC) Training - District wise

Sl. No.	Name of District	No of Qualified Women beneficiaries
1	Ariyalur	1
2	Chennai	305
3	Coimbatore	23
4	Kancheepuram	26
5	Krishnagiri	13
6	Madurai	75
7	Salem	24
8	Thiruvallur	19
9	Tiruppur	20
10	Tiruvannamalai	7
11	Virudhunagar	1
Total		514

SHG Training - District wise

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Qualified Women beneficiaries
1	Kancheepuram	23
Total		23

4. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME) Under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) Scheme, all beneficiaries with the project cost more than 2 lakh are mandatorily provided with Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) training through online/offline mode before setting up their units.

State-wise PMEGP Performance of women entrepreneurs during the last 5 years in terms of number of units assisted and Margin money (MM) subsidy disbursed is as per **Table-I**.

District-wise PMEGP Performance of women entrepreneurs in Tamil Nadu during the last 5 years in terms of number of Units assisted and Margin money (MM) subsidy disbursed is as per **Table-II**.

Table-I (Annexure-II)

State-wise PMEGP Performance of women entrepreneurs during the last 5 years in terms of number of Units assisted and Margin money (MM) subsidy disbursed is as follows:

Sr. No.	State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)
1	Andaman Nicobar	17	21.17	42	48.89	43	67.89	24	47.79	12	22.27
2	Andhra Pradesh	1113	5038.28	856	3762.49	1320	5657.17	1716	7746.02	3457	9976.04
3	Arunachal Pradesh	77	121.56	38	94.24	84	343.50	70	301.35	78	845.71
4	Assam	799	979.25	951	1437.51	1272	2075.80	907	1951.29	761	1925.74
5	Bihar	582	2115.50	665	2442.14	838	3101.21	1335	4035.95	2303	7079.81
6	Chandigarh	8	19.93	6	9.08	11	33.23	10	33.82	7	15.87
7	Chhattisgarh	670	1683.68	753	2007.27	849	2308.93	703	2502.86	662	2618.92
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli	1	0.72	3	5.33	1	8.74	2	15.00	2	10.22
9	Daman And Diu	1	1.75	0	0.00	2	4.93	1	8.57	5	39.45
10	Delhi	41	58.32	33	64.56	45	154.90	30	200.22	27	179.01
11	Goa	36	112.75	18	53.93	43	145.30	36	148.31	38	154.23
12	Gujarat	2718	21376.16	1841	14738.61	2628	20471.48	1820	16099.03	1816	21880.25
13	Haryana	592	1450.37	622	2220.68	692	2833.40	626	3214.56	638	4021.94
14	Himachal Pradesh	447	1326.89	431	1324.89	472	1410.80	352	1309.91	344	1439.28
15	Jammu Kashmir	1791	3051.30	3235	5930.13	8520	16226.53	5035	9049.10	7082	11893.73
16	Jharkhand	451	1141.35	444	1289.11	502	1454.30	613	1768.19	671	1791.04
17	Karnataka	1166	3426.81	1492	3931.48	1940	5130.48	1888	5458.34	1654	5696.22
18	Kerala	1003	1904.97	953	1844.06	1092	2493.98	1257	2804.54	1396	3318.61
19	Ladakh	70	245.84	85	334.48	82	281.56	28	101.98	35	171.44
20	Lakshadweep	0	0.00	2	9.58	1	0.60	1	0.70	0	0.00
21	Madhya Pradesh	627	2758.51	1435	4699.46	2385	7164.22	1813	6653.72	1690	7046.03
22	Maharashtra	1635	4608.	1176	3642.	1712	6458.	1521	6663.	1148	6300.

Sr. No.	State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)	Units Assisted	MM (Rs. Lak h)
	tra		38		61		18		87		45
23	Manipur	518	865.48	725	2745.22	552	1734.92	244	699.02	153	323.52
24	Meghalaya	117	163.69	140	226.77	283	374.45	121	267.44	103	273.67
25	Mizoram	389	506.36	417	673.86	333	736.67	195	633.03	194	848.25
26	Nagaland	481	1186.82	310	826.31	535	1100.33	196	682.70	244	1446.44
27	Odisha	1160	3589.20	1319	4120.39	1874	5459.98	1757	5421.26	1430	4687.79
28	Puducherry	21	50.79	13	28.04	24	39.74	13	38.49	16	47.02
29	Punjab	681	1775.76	737	2750.14	818	3342.36	759	4301.54	725	5822.53
30	Rajasthan	732	2442.24	663	2565.04	670	2666.75	596	4217.99	567	5173.40
31	Sikkim	29	65.54	24	67.26	33	76.43	22	41.45	68	236.29
32	Tamil Nadu	2841	5094.26	2663	5777.26	2857	6619.25	2856	7549.04	3285	8166.42
33	Telangana	735	2782.69	734	2411.06	1111	3852.68	953	3977.32	967	4617.97
34	Tripura	219	404.16	224	449.70	260	544.92	165	373.09	152	336.66
35	Uttar Pradesh	1574	7113.08	2777	11200.02	3712	14372.05	3549	14209.49	3733	17353.18
36	Uttarakhand	467	871.88	551	1285.76	489	1183.89	484	1447.80	377	1474.76
37	West Bengal	911	3903.25	907	3650.64	1073	4520.84	928	3589.46	966	4164.49
Total		24,720	82258.66	27,285	88667.98	39,158	124452.39	32,626	117564.24	36,806	141398.63

Table-II (Annexure-II)

District-wise PMEGP Performance of women entrepreneurs in Tamil Nadu during the last 5 years in terms of number of Units assisted and Margin money (MM) subsidy disbursed is as follows:

Sr · N o.	District	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)
1	Ariyalur	62	25.73	48	37.26	46	20.74	29	36.69	17	40.62
2	Chengal pet	0	0.00	24	68.97	34	76.53	43	111.3 5	57	160.4 6
3	Chennai	24	30.68	48	82.20	88	155.5 7	43	125.9 7	66	162.1 3
4	Coimbat ore	91	303.5 5	76	409.6 4	98	468.9 7	123	668.4 5	118	670.9 4
5	Cuddalo re	32	91.98	43	201.0 7	66	196.5 0	55	155.9 8	31	109.6 6
6	Dharma puri	28	118.6 6	33	160.9 6	21	74.04	38	160.8 8	36	191.8 6
7	Dindigu l	26	95.07	43	145.7 6	44	154.0 9	80	229.7 6	29	92.42
8	Erode	69	334.1 6	97	392.9 6	96	376.4 2	84	374.8 9	90	354.9 2
9	Kallaku richi	0	0.00	5	17.40	17	62.73	22	78.12	29	61.42
10	Kanchip uram	45	124.8 7	45	92.05	60	94.75	56	83.96	97	167.6 2
11	Kanniya kumari	64	101.0 3	86	151.6 6	98	143.3 8	71	151.3 9	129	197.7 2
12	Karur	43	230.1 8	25	126.9 2	47	214.9 3	70	196.7 6	103	179.1 1
13	Krishna giri	54	245.4 1	47	212.8 5	48	191.1 3	46	248.0 2	52	323.4 7
14	Madurai	56	143.0 7	58	159.2 6	84	201.9 8	116	254.8 3	153	362.3 5
15	Mayilad uthurai	0	0.00	0	0.00	11	19.76	65	128.8 3	44	100.9 4
16	Nagapat tinam	34	52.86	67	145.4 4	62	116.0 5	35	57.79	39	54.43
17	Namakk al	44	257.9 7	83	459.5 2	122	641.2 3	145	841.1 9	121	716.7 1
18	Nilgiris	15	26.95	32	35.59	23	24.99	78	44.79	58	42.16
19	Peramb alur	23	20.74	23	39.53	28	45.15	38	91.56	34	56.20
20	Pudukot tai	35	60.93	56	110.3 3	60	112.9 2	43	109.1 7	38	90.95
21	Ramana thapuam	428	150.7 3	392	104.3 1	97	81.42	122	81.71	99	119.6 2
22	Ranipet	0	0.00	11	47.08	23	48.76	82	117.4 1	33	72.47
23	Salem	89	362.9	104	421.5	163	710.0	166	770.7	204	950.2

Sr · N o.	District	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)	No of Units Assiste d	MM (Rs. lakh)
			0		5		6		8		8
24	Sivagan gai	53	100.3 7	34	77.17	32	86.32	44	99.78	23	91.71
25	Tenkasi	0	0.00	33	33.33	51	44.32	84	73.14	90	101.4 6
26	Thanjav ur	59	95.45	81	147.6 4	123	256.7 4	103	221.4 2	295	211.0 7
27	Theni	50	81.54	27	56.88	32	60.23	48	105.8 8	61	146.8 5
28	Thiruchi rappalli	31	60.29	29	76.15	52	174.5 1	47	136.2 0	66	181.6 8
29	Thiruval lore	100	370.2 8	58	190.0 0	85	260.2 9	75	209.3 8	54	166.1 0
30	Thiruva rur	71	168.5 4	50	71.60	75	137.9 9	53	96.03	76	173.7 7
31	Thoothu kudi(Tu ticorin)	393	197.9 0	285	151.6 7	405	216.9 8	198	176.8 8	260	191.3 6
32	Tirunelv eli	568	265.5 9	325	176.2 3	262	145.2 9	239	128.6 3	122	135.4 4
33	Tirupatt ur	0	0.00	14	99.15	40	128.6 6	25	81.83	34	71.02
34	Tirupur	56	376.3 9	81	509.2 5	70	384.1 1	85	608.5 3	118	659.0 1
35	Tiruvan namalai	64	181.0 7	53	126.7 5	72	145.8 0	94	188.1 5	51	189.0 2
36	Vellore	57	161.8 8	65	164.8 6	33	94.91	27	89.15	45	105.2 3
37	Villupur am	40	140.4 6	37	156.5 3	44	97.43	45	73.64	219	181.1 6
38	Virudhu nagar	37	117.0 4	45	117.7 2	45	153.5 6	39	140.1 2	94	283.0 6
Total		2,841	5094. 26	2,663	5777. 26	2,857	6619. 25	2,856	7549. 04	3,285	8166. 42

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1827 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP”

1. **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry:** Incubation hubs for Women Entrepreneurship through DPIIT are as given below:

(i) **A Virtual Incubation Program for Women Entrepreneurs** was conducted in collaboration with Zone Startups to support women-led tech startups with pro-bono acceleration support.

(ii) **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**, under BioNEST and EYUVA schemes, has set up dedicated **Bio-incubation centres for women entrepreneurs** that provide incubation space and mentoring (business, Intellectual Property, legal) specifically to women students/scientists/entrepreneurs as well as support women Self Help Groups (SHGs).

2. **Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development** - The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission, under its non-farm livelihoods vertical is implementing Incubation sub-scheme. The incubation scheme aims to support 150 high growth potential enterprises in a State that has potential for employment creation. There are five States that are implementing the incubation sub-scheme – Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal.

3. **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY):** Under the **Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE) Scheme of MeitY**, financial assistance is provided to Institutions of Higher Learning to strengthen their **Technology Incubation Centres** for enabling young entrepreneurs to create technology startup companies for commercial exploitation of technologies developed by them.

4. Under the **MSME Innovative (Incubation) Scheme**, a subcomponent of MSME Champion Scheme, innovators are supported and guided in developing their ideas into viable business propositions that can directly benefit society and be successfully marketed.
