

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR TRIBALS UNDER MSME SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to create job opportunities for the tribals under MSME Sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the tribals would be provided jobs within their villages and nearby areas or elsewhere and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the broad Micro or Small Scale Industries to be set up in the tribal dominated villages?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of 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 bring together widely dispersed traditional artisans/ rural and urban unemployed youth and give them self-employment opportunities to the extent possible, at their doorstep and also help in arresting migration of rural youth to urban areas.

Under PMEGP, General Category beneficiaries can avail 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 Castes, **Scheduled Tribes**, OBCs, Minorities, Women, Transgenders, Ex-servicemen, Differently-Abled, beneficiaries belonging to North Eastern Region, Aspirational District, Hill and Border areas, etc., the **Margin Money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas**. The maximum cost of project is Rs.50 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs. 20 lakh in the service sector. The own contribution for beneficiaries belonging to **Special Categories** which includes **Scheduled Tribes** is **5% of project cost** as compared to 10% for General Category beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries of the scheme, including those belonging to Scheduled Tribes, have been assisted in setting up micro-enterprises in diverse sectors such as (i) Food processing, (ii) Textiles, (iii) Metal works, (iv) Woodworks, (v) Jewellery, (vi) Coir products, (vii) Construction, (viii) Ayurvedic and Herbal Products, etc.

Performance of **Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries** across India during last three years under PMEGP is given below:

Year	Margin Money Disbursed (Rs. in Lakhs)	Units Assisted	Estimated Employment Generated
2019-20	12234.31	6021	48168
2020-21	12711.20	5497	43976
2021-22	16396.39	7225	57800

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing following schemes to create job opportunities for Scheduled Tribes in all States / UTs with notified STs.

Under the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Janajatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM), Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds for procurement of minor forest produce (MFP) on minimum support price to provide a safety net to the tribals in the trade of minor forest produces. Further, Van Dhan Vikas Kendra are set up through Tribal Co-Operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), which targets employment generation for tribals by harnessing the wealth of forest i.e. Van Dhan. Under this programme, tribal community owned Minor Forest Produce (MFP) centric multi-purpose Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) are set-up in the areas with significant tribal population. The Kendras act as common facility centres for procurement cum value addition to locally available Minor Forest Produce, increasing the income of the gatherers. During the last three years, MFPs worth Rs. 342 cr. have been procured in the tribal areas of 16 States which have benefitted more than 10 Lakhs MFP gatherers. TRIFED has also sanctioned 3,225 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) associated with 9.63 Lakh beneficiaries in 25 States and 3 UTs.

Under the component 'Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce' of the PMJVM Scheme, TRIFED undertakes activities in providing Scheduled Tribes with sustainable livelihood through institutional support in marketing of tribal artefacts and products and skill development of tribal artisans.
