

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 308**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023**

**NATIONAL SC/ST HUB ACTION PLAN**

\*308. SHRI ARUN SAO:  
SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps under National SC/ST Hub Action Plan to increase the Government procurement from SC/ST enterprises and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of various stakeholders of the project and the role played by National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) in this project;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to support newly emerging small SC/ST entrepreneurs facing competition from market forces and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide other kind of help besides financial help to the SC/ST entrepreneurs and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*308 FOR ANSWER ON 10.08.2023.**

(a): Yes Sir. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been implementing National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) Scheme since October, 2016 to promote entrepreneurship amongst the SCs/STs and to fulfill the mandated 4% of procurement from SC/ST MSEs under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises, Government of India. Details are at Annexure.

(b): The stakeholders of this Scheme involve Banks, Training Institutions, CPSEs and Industry Associations. The National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) has been extending marketing facility by providing free stalls in various Fairs and exhibitions. Also, an MoU between NSIC and NSCFDC has been signed on 27.06.2023 to support the SC beneficiaries through sharing of database, assist them to leverage the benefits of credit and non credit based Schemes and organize joint awareness & outreach activities.

(c) & (d): The Government has taken initiatives to support MSMEs including newly emerging SC/ST entrepreneurs such as Capacity Building for First Time Exporters (CBFTE) Scheme to encourage export. This Scheme has three reimbursement components (i) membership fee with Export Promotion Councils (ii) Insurance premium for exports (iii) Fee on Testing and quality Certification.

Beside financial help, significant steps taken by the Ministry to provide support to MSMEs, including SC/ST entrepreneurs are as follows:

- (i) Revised criteria for classification of MSMEs to widen the ambit of benefits.
- (ii) Inclusion of Retail and Wholesale Traders w.e.f. 02.07.2021.
- (iii) Udyam registration Portal for online registration to bring MSMEs under formal sector and help them access to formal credit.
- (iv) SAMADHAAN portal to monitor and address issue of delayed payments.
- (v) SAMBANDH portal to monitor procurement by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), and Government of India Ministries/Departments.
- (vi) Online Champions Portal w.e.f. June, 2020 to redress grievances and handhold MSMEs having different types of queries.
- (vii) MSME Global Mart, a B2B portal of NSIC offering infomediary services.
- (viii) Self Reliant India (SRI) Fund to help MSMEs to secure growth capital.
- (ix) Launched Innovative Scheme which have three components viz. Incubation; Design and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
- (x) Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme to help in improving the processes quality and reduce the negative effect on the environment.

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## Annexure

### **Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*308 for answer on 10.08.2023 regarding 'National SC/ST Hub Action Plan'**

The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), a CPSE under this Ministry is the Nodal Agency for the National SC/ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme. To achieve the objective of the Scheme, several steps have been taken up such as awareness campaigns, skilling and capacity building programs; Special Vendor Development workshops, facilitation of credit through Special Credit Linked Capital subsidy with ceiling of Rs.25 Lakh on institutional finance for procurement of Plant & Machinery, market linkages (participation in domestic and foreign exhibitions) through Special Market Assistance Scheme (SMAS), subsidy for registration under Single Point Registration Scheme of NSIC, subsidy for enrollment on Government promoted e-commerce portals such as GeM, e-khadi, TRIFED, Tribes India, MSME Mart, etc. To extend on ground handholding support, 15 NSSH Offices have been set up at various locations across the country.

The Ministry of MSME has been engaging organizations such as Technology Centres and Tool Rooms, National Institute of MSME (ni-msme), Technology Centres of NSIC and Central Institute of Petro Chemicals, Engineering and Technology (CIPET) to skill SCs/STs. Capacity Building for Bank officials to make them aware of the Special Credit Linked Capital subsidy benefits, regular review meetings with Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for monitoring procurement from SC/ST MSEs and organizing State level Conclaves to reach out to the targeted beneficiaries. All these initiatives are being perused to help SC/ST MSMEs become competitive in Tender bidding and to enhance in procurement by CPSEs and Government Ministries. The public procurement has increased from Rs 99.37 Crore in 2015-16 to Rs 1472.80 Crore in 2022-23.