

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
LOK SABHA**

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INDUSTRIES FOR RURAL WOMEN

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

(a) whether the Government has implemented/proposes to implement schemes for women in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector especially in the rural and backward areas in the country including Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial allocations made and spent in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)to(c): Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board implement a number of schemes for the holistic development of the khadi, village industries and coir sectors. Women beneficiaries are included in all such schemes.

KVIC is implementing the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for setting up of micro-enterprises in which women and other special category beneficiaries are provided margin money subsidy at a higher rate of 35 per cent in rural areas and 25 per cent in urban areas in comparison to 25 per cent and 15 per cent respectively for other general category beneficiaries. State-wise margin money subsidy provided to women beneficiaries and number of units assisted during the last three years is given at Annex I.

Coir Board is implementing the Mahila Coir Yojana in which women are provided training and ratts for carrying out spinning activities and increasing their earnings. State-wise assistance provided and number of women benefited is given in Annex II.