

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

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WELFARE SCHEMES THROUGH MSME S

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

(a) the details of the welfare schemes started by the Government especially to provide employment through Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to the people including women in the rural, tribal and backward areas in the country;

(b) the total number of small enterprises setup in the said areas to provide employment to women during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount released/utilized to provide employment especially to women during the above period, State-wise and the annual target fixed/achieved in this regard till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

(a)to(c) Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been implementing a credit-linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) from 2008-09 for generating self-employment and wage-employment. Under PMEGP, margin money subsidy is provided for setting up micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector in the country by people including women in the rural, tribal and backward areas. Under the programme, special category beneficiaries including women, are provided margin money subsidy at a higher rate of 35 per cent in rural areas and 25 per cent in urban areas as compared to 25 per cent and 15 per cent respectively for general category. The maximum cost of project is Rs 25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs 10 lakh in the service sector. State-wise number of projects by women entrepreneurs assisted, along with corresponding utilization of margin money subsidy under PMEGP during last three years and current year is given at Annex I.

Also, Government in the Ministry of MSME implements a number of other schemes for development of MSME sector in the country including those to provide employment to people including women in the rural, tribal and backward areas. Women engaged in MSME can also avail benefits under these schemes as per the relevant guidelines. In particular, the Ministry through Coir Board implements the Mahila Coir Yojana which provides self-employment opportunities to the rural women artisans including those in the backward and coastal areas of the country. The scheme envisages in distribution of motorized ratts to women artisans after giving training for spinning coir yarn. State-wise number of women trained and funds provided by Coir Board under Mahila Coir Yojana during last three years and current year is given at Annex II.

Development Commissioner (MSME) under this Ministry also implements a women-oriented scheme named Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD) which envisages economic empowerment of illiterate and semi- literate women through trade-related training, information and counseling extension activities related to trades, products, services etc. The Scheme provides for loans through NGOs who are provided grants for capacity building. This assistance is provided for self-employment ventures by women for pursuing any kind of non-farm activity.The State-wise grant provided and number of women benefited under TREAD Scheme during the last three years and current year is given at Annex III.