

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

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Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any special, dedicated Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme to assist, educate and empower women entrepreneurs in MSME Sector of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose during the current year, State/ UT-wise ; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to generate employment opportunities for women?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF  
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a)to(c): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been implementing special, dedicated Schemes for Women Entrepreneurship Development to facilitate employment opportunities for women. These schemes are - Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD) Scheme and Mahila Coir Yojana. The TREAD Scheme envisages economic empowerment exclusively of women through trade related training, information and counseling extension activities related to trades, products, services etc. Under the Scheme financial loans are provided by Nationalized Banks and grants by Government of India at the rate of 30% of the loan subject to maximum limit of Rs.30.00 lakh through NGOs for capacity building and for undertaking self-employment ventures by women in non-farm activities. Under Mahila Coir Yojana , financial assistance is provided for motorized ratts for spinning coir yarn to women artisans after giving training. Government provides motorized ratts/ motorized traditional ratts at 75% cost subsidy subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.7500/- for motorized ratts and Rs.3200/- for motorized traditional ratts .The remaining 25% is raised by the beneficiaries.

Fund allocated for these schemes during the current year (2015-16) is Rs.6.70 crore. Since these are Central Sector Schemes, funds are not allocated State/ UT-wise.