

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION. No. 3
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026

WOMEN-LED MSMEs

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

- (a) the total number of women-led Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered in the country during the last five years, including Tamil Nadu and particularly in Karur district;
- (b) the specific schemes and financial assistance programs available to support women entrepreneurs, particularly in the textile sector in Karur;
- (c) the impact of these initiatives on women entrepreneurship, including employment generation and business growth in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the steps taken to enhance market access, skill development and ease of doing business for women entrepreneurs; and
- (e) the funds allocated and utilized for promoting women entrepreneurship in Tamil Nadu, including targeted support for Karur's women-led businesses, during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): Udyam Registration Portal was launched on 01.07.2020. As on 25.01.2026, a total of 2.94 crore women-led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered in the country. The details of women-led MSMEs registered on Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform in the country including Tamil Nadu and particularly in Karur districts during last five years are given below:

FY	All India	Tamil Nadu	Karur
2021-22	903,502	126,397	1,474
2022-23	1,919,235	200,233	2,419
2023-24	12,795,453	916,445	7,077
2024-25	8,742,913	904,572	11,577
2025-26 (01/04/2025 - 25/01/2026)	5,087,788	449,320	8,422
Total:-	29,448,891	2,596,967	30,969

(b) to (e): The Government has taken a number of initiatives to increase the participation of women in MSMEs in the country, such as:

- i. Special drives for registration of women-owned MSMEs on Udyam Registration (UR) and Udyam Assist Portals (UAP).

- ii. To support women entrepreneurs, the Public Procurement Policy mandates that 3% of annual procurement by CPSEs/Ministries/Departments must be made from women-owned micro and small enterprises.
- iii. To support women entrepreneurs under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, the following two provisions have been introduced for micro and small women entrepreneurs w.e.f. 01.12.2022:
 - a. Guarantee coverage of up to 90% as against the 75% for others; and
 - b. 10% concession in annual Guarantee fees

The details of the guarantees approved to Women led MSEs under CGS are as below:

CGS - Guarantee Approved for women -led MSEs in Tamil Nadu		
Duration	No. of Guarantee Approved	Amount Approved (in Rs. Crore)
Cumulative since Inception in 2000 as on December 31, 2025	274,729	17,125

Further, in order to facilitate unsecured affordable credit flow to IMEs (which are exempted from GST regime) for their composite requirement, special provision under CGS has been launched. Credit facility up to 20 lakh is guaranteed with extent of coverage of 85%.

- iv. Ministry of MSME implements Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which is a credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and rural/urban unemployed youth. Out of the total PMEGP beneficiaries, 39% are women and they are provided higher subsidy (35%) vis-a-vis non-special category (upto 25%).

No. of Women Entrepreneurs assisted under PMEGP in State of Tamil Nadu during FY 2020-22 to 2024-25.

Financial Year	No. of micro enterprises assisted	Margin Money subsidy (Rs. Cr)	Estimated Employment Generated
2020-21	2,663	57.77	21,304
2021-22	2,857	66.19	22,856
2022-23	2,856	75.49	22,848
2023-24	3,285	81.66	26,280
2024-25	1,786	49.67	14,288

No. of Women Entrepreneurs assisted under PMEGP in Karur district of Tamil Nadu during FY 2020-21 to 2024-25.

Financial Year	No. of micro enterprises assisted	Margin Money subsidy (Rs. Cr)	Estimated Employment Generated
2020-21	25	1.27	200
2021-22	47	2.15	376
2022-23	70	1.97	560
2023-24	103	1.79	824
2024-25	104	1.77	832

- v. To encourage entrepreneurship among women, Ministry of MSME implements ‘Skill Upgradation and Mahila Coir Yojana’ under Coir Vikas Yojana, which is an exclusive training programme aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in the Coir sector.
- vi. Participation of women entrepreneurs in trade fairs under Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme is subsidized to the extent of 100% vis-a-vis 80% for other entrepreneurs.
- vii. Ministry of MSME has launched ‘PM Vishwakarma’ Scheme on 17.09.2023, to provide a number of benefits to the traditional artisans and craftspeople including women, engaged in 18 trades.
- viii. The Ministry has launched the awareness campaign ‘Yashasvini’ to create awareness among existing and aspiring women entrepreneurs with various schemes of the Ministry of MSME, providing them with continuum of support through handholding, mentorship, and capacity building.
