



Women Entrepreneurs in MSMEs

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As per the Udyam Registration Portal (URP) of the Ministry of MSME, women-owned MSMEs constitute 20.5% of the total number of MSMEs registered on the Portal since its inception in 1st July 2020. These women-owned MSMEs' contribution to the employment generated by the total Udyam registered units is 18.73%, involving 11.15% of the total investment. The contribution of the women-owned MSMEs to the total turnover of Udyam registered MSMEs is 10.22%. As per the data on Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) which registers Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs), the contribution of women-owned IMEs to the total number IMEs (since inception of Udyam Assist portal on 11.01.2023) is 70.49%, and their contribution to employment is 70.84%.

The details of the total number of women-owned MSMEs and their contribution to employment, investment and turnover as available on the URP and UAP is provided in Annexure-I. State-wise details of the same are provided in Annexure-II.

The Ministry of MSME has taken a number of steps to support women-owned MSMEs :

- i. Special drives for registration of women owned MSMEs under Udyam Registration Portal.
- ii. To benefit women entrepreneurs, the Public Procurement Policy was amended in 2018 mandating Central Ministries/Departments/ Undertakings to procure at least 3% of their annual procurement from women-owned micro and small enterprises.
- iii. To support women entrepreneurs under Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises, two provisions have been introduced for women entrepreneurs w.e.f. 01.12.2022. These are:
 - a. 10% concession in annual Guarantee fees; and
 - b. 10 % additional Guarantee coverage of up to 85%, as against the 75% for other entrepreneurs.
- iv. To encourage entrepreneurship among women, Ministry of MSME implements 'Skill Upgradation & Mahila Coir Yojana' under Coir Vikas Yojana, which is an exclusive training program aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in the Coir sector.
- v. The Ministry also implements Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises in the non-farm sector. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/OBC /minorities/women/ex-serviceman/ physically handicapped/ NER/ Hill and Border areas, etc., higher subsidy is given.

- vi. To encourage participation of women entrepreneurs in trade fairs under Procurement & Marketing Support Scheme, higher subsidy is provided for women owned MSMEs.
- vii. “SAMARTH” initiative was launched to support women-owned MSMEs with the objective of providing Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7,500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas. Aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs have been provisioned with 20% Seats in free Skill Development Programs organized under Skill Development Schemes of the Ministry; 20% of MSME Business Delegations for domestic & international exhibitions under the schemes for Marketing Assistance implemented by Ministry; and 20% discount on annual processing fee on National Small Industries Corporation’s Scheme.
- viii. MSME Sustainable Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification Scheme is an initiative to provide a roadmap to global competitiveness for Indian MSMEs having economic and social impacts in terms of capacity building of MSMEs. The aim of the scheme is that the goods being manufactured by the MSME sector have zero recall from market at the same time has zero effect on environment. Under this scheme to support and empower women entrepreneurs, there is a provision of 100% subsidy on cost of ZED Certification for Women owned MSMEs.
- ix. Under incubation component of MSME Innovative Scheme, a special MSME Idea Hackathon 3.0 was organised for Women entrepreneurs wherein 18,888 ideas have been received.

The Ministry of MSME implements the following capacity building programmes for capacity building and skill enhancement for MSMEs, including women entrepreneurs in MSMEs such as:

- Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP): The objective of ESDP is to promote new enterprises, to build capacity of existing MSMEs and to inculcate entrepreneurial culture in the country. About 40% of the targeted beneficiaries of ESDPs are mandated to be from weaker sections of the Society (SC/ST/Women/Physical Handicapped). No participation fee will be charged from SC, ST, Physical Handicapped, Below Poverty Line (BPL) participants and Women.
- Mahila Coir Yojana(MCY) aims at empowerment of women artisans in the coir sector by providing a stipendiary two-month training programme. The women artisans are encouraged to avail assistance under Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

Annexure – I

Contribution of Women-owned MSMEs to total MSMEs registered on Udyam Registration portal since Inception of the portal(1st July 2020 to 31st Jan 2024)

Category	Total	Employment	Investment (Rs In Crore)	Turnover (Rs In Crore)
Women MSME	4,667,278	28,407,069	126845.12	1714992.98

MSMEs	22,819,417	151,668,034	1,137,237	16,784,358
%age of Women owned MSMEs	20.5 %	18.73%	11.15%	10.22%

Contribution of Women-owned Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) to total IMEs registered on Udyam Assist Platform since Inception of the portal (11.01.2023 to 31.01.2024)

Category	Total (nos)	Employment (no.of persons)
Women IME	9,108,058	11,023,945
IMEs	12,920,177	15,561,967
%age	70.49%	70.84%

Annexure-II

State wise Total Women Owned MSMEs Registered & Classified and their Employment , Investment Turnover Under Udyam Since Inception Till Date

Sl. No.	State Name	Total	Micro	Small	Medium	Employment	Investment (Rs In Crore)	Turnover (Rs Cro)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	2,947	2,918	26	3	9,480	101.2	662
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	217,359	213,987	3,228	144	1,803,672	7229.41	734
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3,625	3,567	54	4	28,718	271.78	139

4	ASSAM	108,744	107,827	883	34	580,707	1986.66	218
5	BIHAR	161,754	159,833	1,852	69	1,082,265	3671.12	478
6	CHANDIGARH	6,565	6,423	130	12	49,671	208.07	365
7	CHHATTISGARH	53,914	52,811	1,059	44	288,175	1470.62	245
8	DELHI	97,603	94,241	3,157	205	646,799	3477.11	817
9	GOA	11,273	11,114	149	10	50,776	407.3	376
10	GUJARAT	252,551	246,403	5,871	277	1,217,957	8647.54	137
11	HARYANA	129,601	126,400	3,063	138	705,746	4224.69	707
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	26,251	25,844	385	22	116,790	830.16	106
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	80,077	79,638	427	12	409,397	1474.32	113
14	JHARKHAND	82,439	81,759	657	23	679,533	1509.84	178
15	KARNATAKA	288,510	283,507	4,756	247	2,174,825	9053.61	113
16	KERALA	142,144	140,303	1,759	82	537,209	3289.73	411
17	LADAKH	1,825	1,813	11	1	5,699	92.3	198
18	LAKSHADWEEP	112	112	-	-	440	1.76	9.89
19	MADHYA PRADESH	158,805	155,991	2,712	102	909,832	4172.37	586
20	MAHARASHTRA	834,774	825,120	9,082	572	3,279,075	18338.39	251
21	MANIPUR	26,250	26,174	69	7	174,618	727.54	325

22	MEGHALAYA	6,473	6,391	72	10	26,971	249.28	253
23	MIZORAM	10,726	10,663	59	4	53,291	496.55	142
24	NAGALAND	8,024	7,992	29	3	46,698	215.08	813
25	ODISHA	106,656	105,041	1,556	59	852,236	3274.41	378
26	PUDUCHERRY	10,199	10,009	173	17	66,493	402.28	477
27	PUNJAB	179,533	177,253	2,191	89	677,559	3966.4	553
28	RAJASTHAN	220,993	216,179	4,608	206	1,166,292	5788.93	1110
29	SIKKIM	3,068	3,041	25	2	13,059	115.56	565
30	TAMIL NADU	623,492	615,385	7,705	402	4,279,608	17206.32	191
31	TELANGANA	231,685	228,450	3,056	179	2,130,624	8786.43	736

32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	3,025	2,904	116	5	29,555	155.23	2792.6
33	TRIPURA	14,675	14,551	114	10	127,684	281.13	3405.0
34	UTTARAKHAND	41,904	41,191	691	22	204,777	1176.21	15212.
35	UTTAR PRADESH	350,542	343,917	6,320	305	2,170,076	8853.72	153964

36	WEST BENGAL	169,160	165,798	3,217	145	1,810,762	4692.07	84054.
Total:-		4,667,278	4,594,550	69,262	3,466	28,407,069	126845.12	171495
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State wise Women IMEs and employment data for the women IMEs as on 31.01.2024			
S. No.	Name of the State	Women IMEs	Employment
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	422	496
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	473,932	622,389
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3,993	4,726
4	ASSAM	50,548	57,489
5	BIHAR	870,347	943,812
6	CHANDIGARH	1,843	1,934
7	CHHATTISGARH	194,868	208,396
8	DELHI	56,334	81,766
9	GOA	6,229	7,784

10	GUJARAT	302,580	353,254
11	HARYANA	102,780	131,124
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3,649	4,240
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	4,090	4,828
14	JHARKHAND	291,164	322,437
15	KARNATAKA	496,682	541,306
16	KERALA	249,937	292,418
17	LADAKH	360	377
18	LAKSHADWEEP	25	139
19	MADHYA PRADESH	749,190	810,106
20	MAHARASHTRA	764,092	876,967
21	MANIPUR	19,036	26,135
22	MEGHALAYA	2,772	3,253

23	MIZORAM	6,060	7,149
24	NAGALAND	10,978	12,379
25	ODISHA	374,612	416,386
26	PUDUCHERRY	13,381	16,979
27	PUNJAB	88,287	124,546
28	RAJASTHAN	262,017	334,349
29	SIKKIM	997	1,135
30	TAMIL NADU	514,273	720,833
31	TELANGANA	341,427	452,568
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	1,455	1,767
33	TRIPURA	115,096	130,198
34	UTTARAKHAND	42,132	50,825
35	UTTAR PRADESH	881,950	989,544

36	WEST BENGAL	1,810,520	2,469,911
Total:-		9,108,058	11,023,945

This information was given by the Minister of State for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha today.

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