

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4581
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.04.2018

WOMEN VILLAGE LEVEL ENTREPRENEURS

4581: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: -

- (a) whether Government recently inaugurated a workshop on Stree Swabhiman, a CSC initiative for promoting women empowerment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present number of Women Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in the country and whether there is a plan to double it; and
- (d) the amount that has been spent in the last two years for this purpose and the number of women entrepreneurs benefited therefrom; state-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a). Yes, Sir.

(b): Recent National Level Workshop on “Stree Swabhiman” was held on 8th March, 2018 at New Delhi on occasion of the International Women Day. The event was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Union Minister (E&IT, Law & Justice), Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad in presence of Hon’ble Minister of Textile and I&B, Smt. Smriti Juban Irani. The workshop was attended by approximately 700 women VLEs along with women engaged with them for delivery of services from across India, especially from Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Jharkhand, west Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, and Maharashtra. The workshop was conducted to spread awareness among VLEs on various initiatives being taken and mainly focused on initiative for women’s health and hygiene under the Stree Swabhiman.

(c): As on 28 February, 2018, there are in total 48,259 registered Women VLEs across the country and there is no plan to double it, however, efforts are being made to further encourage women involvement in CSC.

(d): Government is not incurring any expenditure for this.
