

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020**

SCHEMES FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN

***159. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:**

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to cover youths and women under various entrepreneurship schemes so as to provide them maximum benefits of such schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the concrete steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 159* for reply on 2nd March 2020 regarding “Schemes for Youth and Women”.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing the following schemes for entrepreneurship development of youth and women, as under:

1. Pradhan Mantri Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan (PM-YUVA)

MSDE is implementing a pilot scheme, PM YUVA towards creating an enabling ecosystem through entrepreneurship education, training, advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship network. The scheme focuses on students/trainees and alumni coming out from skilling ecosystem {i.e. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Pradhan Mantri Kuashal Kendras (PMKKs) and Jan Sikshan Sansthan (JSS)}. The scheme is being implemented in 10 States and 2 Union Territories {viz. i.e. Uttar Pradesh (6 districts), Uttarakhand (4 districts), Bihar (10 districts), West Bengal (12 districts), Assam (11 districts), Meghalaya (2 districts), Maharashtra (5 districts), Tamil Nadu (17 districts), Telangana (8 districts), Kerala (4 districts), Delhi (1 district) and Puducherry (1 district)}. The project envisages creation of 600 new and 1000 scale-up enterprises.

2. Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women (WEE)

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (Germany) has launched a pilot project called ‘Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women’ to support aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs in India. Presently, this pilot programme is being implemented in the North Eastern Region (Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur), Rajasthan and Telangana where 147 women have been given incubation and acceleration support as part of its first cohorts.

3. National Entrepreneurship Awards Scheme (NEAS)

With an aim to promote a culture of entrepreneurship among India’s youth and inspire them to set-up their own enterprise and create employment opportunities for others, National Entrepreneurship Awards Scheme (NEAS) has been instituted in 2016. Under the scheme, awards are conferred to the aspiring first generation entrepreneurs including women and those individuals/ organizations who are working as eco-system builder in the field of entrepreneurship development. The awards also seek to highlight model of excellence for others to emulate and improve upon.

So far, out of a total of 95 awards conferred, 39 women have received National Entrepreneurship Awards.
