

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019

SC/ST INDUSTRIALISTS AND ENTREPRENEURS

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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of SC/ST industrialists and entrepreneurs in the country and the details thereof;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to improve their strength and increase their business; and
- (c) the percentage turnover of the SC/ST entrepreneurs comparatively with overall industrial production?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a): In order to promote entrepreneurship among the Scheduled Castes and to provide concessional finance to them, the Government of India, through the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has, under Social Sector Initiatives, started "Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC)" in FY 2014-15.

As on date, aggregate sanctions of ₹338.88 crore to 94 companies owned by SC entrepreneurs have been done and aggregate disbursements of ₹232.88 crore to 75 beneficiaries companies owned by SC entrepreneurs have been done.

(b): It is a Social Sector Initiative to promote entrepreneurship among the Scheduled Castes by way of concessional finance to enable financial inclusion for Scheduled Castes / Backward Classes entrepreneurs and to motivate them for further growth of Scheduled Castes communities. It is also aimed at developing Scheduled Castes entrepreneurs economically and to enhance direct and indirect employment generation for Scheduled Castes population in India.

(c): Such information is not maintained in the Department of Heavy Industries.
