



Entrepreneurship Profile of Maharashtra: With Special Reference to MSME Distribution Based On Gender and Social Category

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Abstract:

This Research Paper studies the entrepreneurship profile of Maharashtra by investigating the distribution and features of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the state. The investigation assesses the **regional distribution of MSMEs** to understand their absorption outlines. It further examines the **ownership structure of MSMEs based on gender**; stress the range of male and female contribution in entrepreneurial activities. In addition, the study explores the **ownership pattern across various social categories**, evaluating the comprehensiveness of enterprise development among SC, ST, OBC, and General communities. By incorporating regional, gender-based, and social-category perspectives, this research offers a complete understanding of the entrepreneurial scene in Maharashtra and deals perceptions for policy construction meant to encouraging impartial and sustainable MSME growth.

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Introduction:

Entrepreneurship shows a vibrant role in determining the socio-economic progress of any constituency. It brings up invention, creates employment, encourages stable regional growth, and contributes considerably to national income. In India, the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector has begun as a key motorist of business action, so long as living prospects and backup industrialized expansion. Maharashtra, being one of the most industrially advanced states in India, deals an encouraging atmosphere for entrepreneurship through its strong infrastructure, skilled workforce, financial

institutions, and proactive government initiatives. Maharashtra State mainly Compromises seven regions i.e. Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Kokan, Nagpur, Amravati and Chatrapati Sanbhajinagar. Maharashtra have a great share in India's MSME , as it covers a various sector such as manufacturing , services , agro-based industries and technology driven business activities. From the State of Maharashtra Mumbai, Nashik, Nagpur, Aurangabad, Kolhapur serves as a major industrial hubs. These hubs attract the both traditional and modern enterprises. The Governments Policy Such as Financial Assistant programmes, ease of doing business reform, start up incentives

accelerates the growth of MSME ecosystem in Maharashtra. The MSME Sector Play a major role in the Socio-economic development of Maharashtra, so this is essential to known about the entrepreneurship profile of Maharashtra with special reference to MSME sector. This Paper evaluates the region wise distribution of MSMEs within the state of Maharashtra. Also this paper analysed the ownership pattern of MSMEs based on Gender and Social Category in Maharashtra.

Objective:

1. To evaluate the **regional distribution of MSMEs within Maharashtra** and their contribution to employment.
2. To examine the **ownership pattern of MSMEs** based on gender.
3. To examine the **ownership pattern of MSMEs** based on social category.

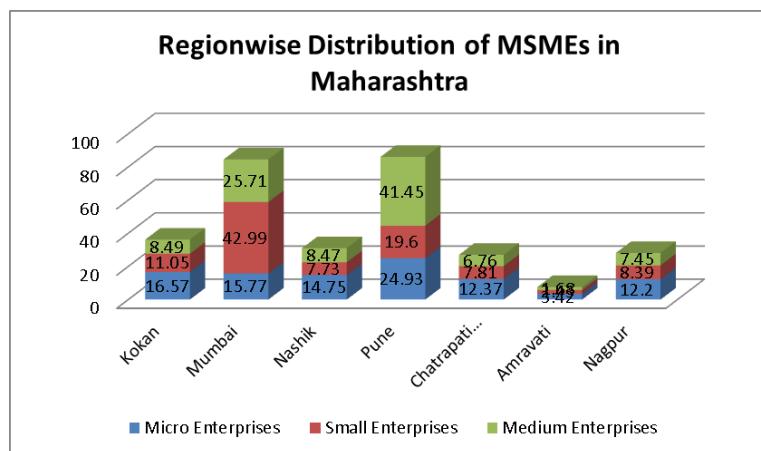
Region wise Distribution of MSMEs in Maharashtra:

The region-wide distribution of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Maharashtra delivers a complete understanding of how entrepreneurial activities are spread across the state. Maharashtra, being one of India's prominent industrial hubs, displays various MSME concentrations across regions such as Konkan, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Amravati, and Nagpur. Each region pays individually centred on resources, industrial clusters, and economic environment. Evaluating this distribution supports to classify regional strengths, development gaps, and potential areas for policy interference. It also assists in preparation of targeted support for infrastructure, technology, and market access. Overall, the region-wise analysis of MSMEs in Maharashtra highlights the state's dynamic entrepreneurial landscape and its role in driving inclusive industrial growth.

Table No.1. Region wise Distribution of MSMEs in Maharashtra

Sr. No.	Region	Number of Micro Enterprises	Micro Enterprises (In %)	Number of Small Enterprises	Small Enterprises (In %)	Number of Medium Enterprises	Medium Enterprises
1	Kokan	5,30,913	16.57	10,009	11.05	977	8.49
2	Mumbai	5,05,382	15.77	38,949	42.99	2,959	25.71
3	Nashik	4,72,617	14.75	6,999	7.73	975	8.47
4	Pune	7,98,942	24.93	17,757	19.6	4,770	41.45
5	Chatrapati Sambhajinagar	3,96,486	12.37	7,079	7.81	778	6.76
6	Amravati	1,09,465	3.42	2,204	2.43	193	1.68
7	Nagpur	3,90,851	12.2	7,602	8.39	857	7.45
	All	32,04,656	100	90,599	100	11,509	100

(Source – Annual report 2023-24 MSMEs, Government of India)

Graph No1. Region wise Distribution of MSMEs in Maharashtra

(Source – Annual report 2023-24 MSMEs, Government of India)

The above table and Graph shows the region wise Number and Percentage of Micro, Small and Medium enterprises distribution among various regions in Maharashtra .Pune region shows the highest number of Micro and medium enterprises have a share of 24.93 % and 41.45 % respectively. Mumbai Region shows a highest number of Small enterprises which have a share of 42.99 %, Kokan, Nashik and Chhatrapati Sanbhajinagar Shows moderate level of presence of MSMEs. Amravati Region shows a Low level Presesnce of MSMEs.Nagpur region shows a balance in presence of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

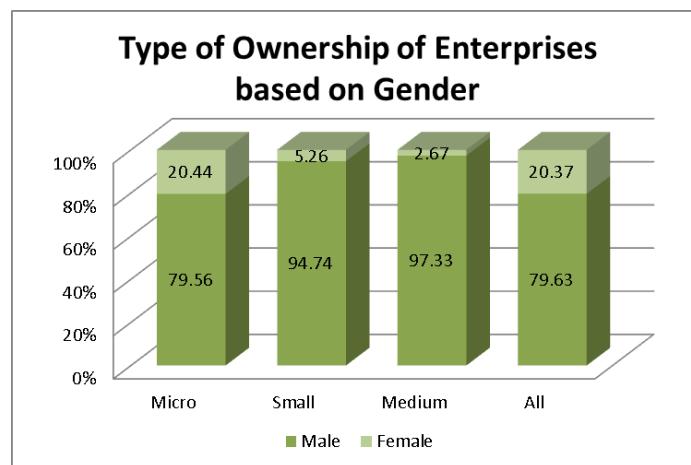
Type of Ownership of Enterprises based on Gender :

The investigation of ownership patterns based on gender delivers valued understandings into the entrepreneurial background and ranks of contribution between men and women. This grouping highlights whether enterprises are primarily male-owned, female-owned, or jointly managed, imitating broader socio-economic trends. It also shows the scope of women's participation in decision-making and enterprise leadership. Such a valuation is crucial for estimating gender equality in entrepreneurship and for planning embattled funding strategies.

Table No.2. Type of Ownership of Enterprises based on Gender

Category	Male	Female	All
Micro	79.56	20.44	100
Small	94.74	5.26	100
Medium	97.33	2.67	100
All	79.63	20.37	100

(Source – Annual report 2023-24 MSMEs, Government of India)

Graph No. 2. Type of Ownership of Enterprises based on Gender

(Source – Annual report 2023-24 MSMEs, Government of India)

From the above table, we can explain the Type of ownership of enterprises based on gender under MSMEs in India. 79.56 % Micro Enterprises owned by Male and 20.44 % Micro enterprises owned by Female. 94.74 % Small Enterprises owned by Male and 5.26 % Small enterprises owned by Female. 97.33 % Medium Enterprises owned by Male and 2.67 % Medium enterprises owned by Female. Out of Total number of MSMEs ownership based on Gender, 79.63 % MSME enterprises owned by Male and 20.37 % MSME enterprises owned by Female in India. The above table and graph shows the type of ownership of enterprises based on Gender. This Classification Clearly Shows the Dominance of Male ownership across all enterprises.

Type of Ownership of MSME Enterprises based on Social Category in Rural and Urban area:

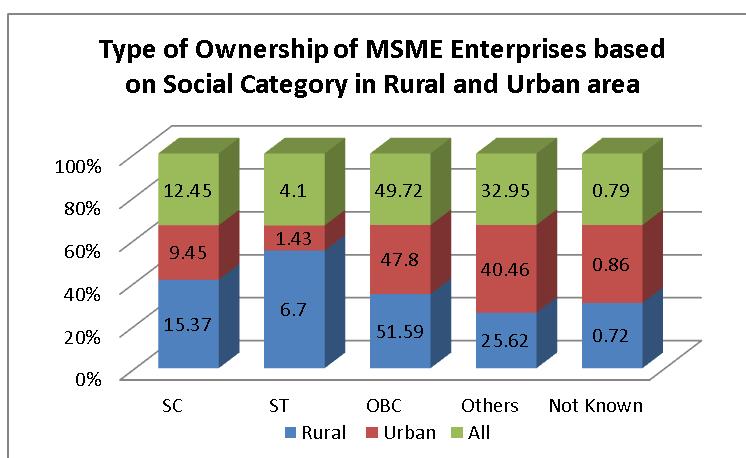
The Ownership of MSME enterprises based on social category in rural and urban area helps to understand how different social groups engaged in entrepreneurial activities among different area. Matching social groups such as SC, ST, OBC, and General categories across rural and urban locations, the table highlights inequalities, absorption patterns, and extensiveness within the MSME sector. Such analysis is crucial for calculating social equity in enterprise ownership and detecting areas where targeted policy involvements may be essential.

Table No.3. Type of Ownership of MSME Enterprises based on Social Category in Rural and Urban area:

Sector	SC	ST	OBC	Others	Not Known	All
Rural	15.37	6.70	51.59	25.62	0.72	100.00
Urban	9.45	1.43	47.80	40.46	0.86	100.00
All	12.45	4.10	49.72	32.95	0.79	100.00

(Source – Annual report 2023-24 MSMEs, Government of India)

Graph No.3. Type of Ownership of MSME Enterprises based on Social Category in Rural and Urban area:



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From the above table and Graph, we can analyse the ownership of MSME enterprises based on social category in rural and urban area in India. 15.37 % enterprises owned by SC Category, 6.70 % enterprises owned by ST, 51.59 % enterprises owned by OBC, 25.62 % owned by others and 0.72 % are not known ownership of enterprises in rural area. Also 9.45 % enterprises owned by SC Category, 1.43 % enterprises owned by ST, 47.80 % enterprises owned by OBC, 40.46 % owned by others and 0.86 % are not known ownership of enterprises in urban area. In India 12.45 % enterprises owned by SC category, 4.10 % enterprises owned by ST, 49.72% enterprises owned by OBC, 32.95% owned by others and 0.79 % are not known ownership of enterprises in India.

Conclusion:

This Research Study highlights the vital role of MSMEs in entrepreneurship development of Maharashtra. This Paper analyse the regional disparity within the state. Industrially progressive regions such as Pune, Mumbai, Nashik, and Konkan lead in terms of enterprise numbers while regions

like Vidarbha and Marathwada lag behind due to infrastructural and financial limitations. These disparities fact in the direction of an uneven pattern of industrial development that necessities remedial policy attention to achieve justifiable progress across all regions. Gender-based and social category analysis further exposes a skewed ownership pattern, with 79.63% of MSMEs owned by males and only 20.37% by females, and a dominance of OBC entrepreneurs (49.72%) compared to SC and ST categories. This emphasizes the serious requisite for targeted interferences, financial encouragements, capacity-building programs, and mentorship schemes to promote women and marginalized community entrepreneurship. In conclusion, MSMEs remain the backbone of Maharashtra's industrial and economic framework. With inclusive policies, enhanced institutional support, and focused regional development strategies, Maharashtra has the potential to further expand its entrepreneurial base, ensuring sustainable, equitable, and innovation-driven growth that contributes substantially to

India's overall MSME landscape and national economy.

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