KEY WORDS

Women entrepreneur- A woman or a group of women who own and manage a registered SSI unit, individually or jointly having a financial interest of not less than 51 per cent of the capital as owner of a proprietary concern/partners of a firm/members of a co-operative society / directors or share holders of a private limited company having male as well as female employees either permanent or temporary.

Women –managed SSI unit- an SSI unit owned and managed by a woman or a group of women.

Small scale industries (SSI) – SSI’s are defined in terms of their investment in plant and machinery (excluding land and building) of up to Rs. 1 crore.

Tiny enterprises- The SSI unit with investment in plant and machinery of up to Rs. 25 lakhs (excluding land and building). There is no restriction in registering tiny units in any part of the country.

Small scale service and business enterprises – The enterprises with investment in plant and machinery of up to Rs. 10 lakhs (SSSBE). These can be registered as SSSBE and can be set up in any village or town irrespective of its population.

Government agencies- The institutions owned or managed wholly or partially either by the central government, state government or local bodies for the development and or promotion of women entrepreneurship.

Financial institutions- The institutions managed wholly or partially either by the central government, state government or co-operative bodies for providing financial assistance and /or promotion of women entrepreneurship.