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Title: Regarding setting up of Ventur Capital ( VC) fund for SC-laid.

**DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD WEST):** The VC fund for SC was set up under the Ministry of Social Justice in budget 2014-15. Rs. 200 Crore was also allocated for this purpose and IFCI was the executing company for this scheme. Though this scheme aims to create new age entrepreneurs in the SC community, the awareness about the scheme is very poor. The Parliamentary standing committee examining this scheme found that the fund managed by IFCI, has not made adequate investment in the financial year (2017-18). In 2015-16, it invested only Rs one crore out of its allocation of Rs 102 crore. Given, that the scheme has the potential of creating entrepreneurs from the SC community, I urge the government to raise awareness about this scheme. Procedure for getting the fund must be simplified and 100 percent utilisation of budget is needed to ensure that the benefits of this scheme reach the poor.