

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO STARTUP UNITS  
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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaints/representations about the difficulties being faced by startup units in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year and the assistance being extended to such units at present; State-wise;
- (c) the views of the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA)

(a)&(b): No complaints as such have been received. However, representations have been received from start-up units about the difficulties faced by them in accessing credit, getting power connection and other clearances such as those related to pollution, environment etc. Such representations have been forwarded to concerned Departments/Banks /State Governments by the Ministry with request to address the grievances.

(c)&(d): The State Governments in their interaction with Government of India, have also been advocating the need for strengthening the support system for start-ups. In view of the importance of encouraging start-ups, it has been proposed in the Union Budget 2014-15 to establish a Rs.10,000 crore Venture Capital Fund to act as a catalyst to provide equity, quasi equity, soft loans and other risk capital for start-up MSME units.