

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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START UPS IN IT SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made any survey on the number of start-ups currently active in the country and the revenue generated therefrom during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and the number of start-ups owned by women;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plans to boost start-ups with financial incentives and technical assistance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the private technology firms that are involved in assisting start-ups?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): Start-ups in India form part of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. There is no specific data available with the Government with regard to number of start-ups currently active in the country and the revenue generated.

As per a recent impact assessment, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) is implementing the scheme titled "Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE)" to nurture start-ups in Information Technology Communication & Electronics (ICTE) domain through strengthening of incubation centres at the Institutions of higher learning has shown that under the scheme 121 start-ups benefited from which 286 entrepreneurs emerged out of which 34 are women entrepreneurs.

(c) and (d): The details of various schemes/Programmes formulated by the Government to boost start-ups with details are given on the MSME website [msme.gov.in / WriteReadData / Whatsnew/Sch-vol1-151214.pdf-sri.pdf](http://msme.gov.in/WriteReadData/Whatsnew/Sch-vol1-151214.pdf-sri.pdf) .

In addition NASSCOM has initiated a 10,000 start-ups programme under which 4,000 applications have been received till date.