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Incubators and Tinkering Labs under Startup India

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the aims and objectives of Startup India Action Plan, if so, the details thereof including the industry-academia incubators set up so far, year-wise and the funds and incentives provided so far under the plan in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the institutional arrangement put in place for the selection of institutions to operate the incubators including the pace of selection in comparison to the targets set for the same and the steps taken to improve the quality of the incubators;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up its first startup district with incubation centres and tinkering labs and if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose along with the organisations/agencies that will operate the said incubators, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether there is paucity of incubators in the country, if so, whether the Government proposes to rope in private organisations to provide mentorship facilities to entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to create sector specific incubators, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The achievements under the Startup India Action Plan are enclosed as Annexure I. The details regarding the industry-academia incubators being set up / set up so far are provided in Annexure-II.

(b): NITI Aayog under Atal Innovation Mission has invited applications for setting up Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) and providing scale up support to Established Incubation Centres (EICs). The applications received are shortlisted based on eligibility criteria. The short-listed applicants are subjected to screening by an inter-ministerial screening-cum-selection committee (SSC) headed by Secretary, Department of Science & Technology with representatives from the Department of Biotechnology, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) team. The recommendations of the SSC are put up for the consideration of the Mission High level Committee (MHLC) chaired by Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog for final selection.

To ensure the quality of operation of the incubation centres, clear goals and deliverables are being fixed for each selected incubation centre for continuous monitoring. The managers of the incubation centres will be provided training for effective implementation of the programme. A Hand Book for managing the incubation centres has been prepared to guide the incubation centres' professionals.

As per the Startup India Action Plan, 35 new Incubators are to be set up in existing institutions, and 35 new private sector Incubators shall be set up. The funding shall be provided by NITI Aayog as part of Atal Innovation Mission. Ministry of Human Resources Development and Department of Science and Technology will jointly set up/scale-up 18 Technology Business Incubators at NITs/IITs/IIMs. 50 new Bio-Incubators will be set up in research institutes and universities across India by Department of Biotechnology. Out of these, 10 new Incubation Centres have been shortlisted by NITI Aayog under Atal Innovation Mission (3658 applications were received). They shall release a grant of INR 10 crore per incubator in 5 years. Also, 6 existing Incubators have been approved for scale-up grant by NITI Aayog. 16 Technology Business Incubators are being set up jointly by Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Human Resources Development. 10 have already been approved and 6 more are being considered for approval. A total of 20 (out of 50) bio-incubators have been funded by Department of Biotechnology.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Keeping in view the large requirement of mentors, NITI Aayog proposes to rope in credible private sector organisations as well as experts from industry for providing mentorship support in the incubation centres being set up under Atal Innovation Mission.

(e): NITI Aayog under Atal Innovation Mission has invited applications for setting up sector specific incubation centres such as

agriculture and allied fields, biotechnology, electricity, new and renewable energy and environmental sustainability, education, health and pharmaceuticals, information & communication technology, manufacturing, water, sanitation and solid waste management, housing, transport and other emerging areas of social / national importance. Department of Biotechnology has also funded 20 bio-incubators so far. Further, 16 Technology Business Incubators will be jointly set up set-up/scaled-up by Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Human Resources Development.
