

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1570
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019**

Innovation Cell

1570. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the innovation Cell has been started by the Government with the special mandate to promote activities involving education sector to foster the culture of appreciating, nurturing, supporting and handholding new ideas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has achieved satisfactory progress through the innovation cell and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c) An Innovation Cell has been established in All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to undertake/initiate various innovation related activities such as establishing Institution's Innovation Councils (IICs) in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), ranking HEIs on innovation parameters (ARIIA - Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements ranking), Hackathons (Smart India Hackathons, International Hackathons, Grand/Mini Challenges) and other such initiatives. Innovation Cell has inter-alia organised the Smart India Hackathon 2018 and 2019, Singapore India Hackathon 2018, ARIIA Ranking 2019, helped establish Institute Innovation Councils (IICs) in more than 900 Higher Education Institutions and has conducted India's first leadership talk series to help students learn from life experiences of entrepreneurs.
