

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4671**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022**

**LIVELIHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATORS**

4671. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the data for the total number of Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) set up and sanctioned in the country during the period 2020-21;
- (b) the data for the number of LBIs set up and sanctioned during the said period in Odisha;
- (c) the data for the success rate of LBIs set up since the inception of the scheme in the country including Odisha;
- (d) whether any mechanism has been put in place to collect feedback from the stakeholders for the operation of the scheme and if so, the details and the findings thereof; and
- (e) whether measures are being taken by the Government to extend benefits of this scheme to local artisans and if so, the details thereof highlighting the measures taken especially for Odisha?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

- (a): A total number of 31 Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) were sanctioned under A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE) during the financial year 2020-21. Four (4) LBIs became functional during the financial year 2020-21.
- (b): A total number of 03 LBIs were sanctioned in Odisha under ASPIRE during the financial year 2020-21. No LBI became functional in Odisha during the same period.
- (c): As on date, 61 LBIs have become functional in the country including Odisha. Till 31.12.2021, 54,801 persons have been trained in LBIs across the country, out of which 15169 trainees became self-employed and 8928 trainees got employed in other units.
- (d): Yes, there is a mechanism to assess the operation of the scheme incorporating the inputs from the stakeholders, through a Third Party Assessment Study. In FY 2020-21, a Third Party assessment study of the scheme was conducted by IIM Lucknow.
- (e): ASPIRE is a scheme to provide training and incubation support to prospective entrepreneurs in agro-rural sector through LBIs, with no specific provision to extend benefits directly to local artisans.

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