

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1379**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023**

**RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN MSME SECTOR**

1379. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of stagnation in research and innovation in MSME Sector;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme to promote research and innovation in MSME sector ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of money sanctioned for promoting research and innovation in MSME sector during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Govt. of India runs different schemes and programmes in the field of research and innovation in MSME Sector. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog runs Atal New India Challenge (ANIC) to support innovations in selected start-ups / MSMEs. Further, Ministry of Science and Technology, Indian Council of Agriculture Research is implementing an incubation programme. This Ministry is implementing MSME Innovative (Incubation) Scheme, a component under MSME Champions scheme for nurturing and development of ideas.

(d): Till date AIM has directly supported 51 start-ups/MSMEs with an approved funding of INR 34 Crore. Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has 09 Startups incubated under ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT)- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) -Raftaar ABI with a funding of Rs. 139 lakhs. Under the Incubation component of MSME Innovative Scheme of this Ministry, 344 ideas have been approved for nurturing and development with an amount of GoI grant sanctioned of Rs. 27.89 Crore during the last three years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

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