

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1234**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.7.2023**

**STATUS OF ASPIRE**

1234. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether "A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE)" is still functional;
- (b) if so, the number of Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) that have been set up under this scheme, State/UT-wise, including Puducherry; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): ASPIRE scheme was approved for continuation in the Standing Finance Committee held in October 2021 for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 for setting up of Livelihood Business Incubators.
- (b): Under ASPIRE, a total number of 106 LBIs have been approved. The State-wise details of LBIs have been **annexed**.
- (c): Under ASPIRE, one LBI has been approved in Puducherry with a total Government of India Assistance of Rs. 100 Lakhs. The detail of the said LBI approved in Puducherry is as follows.

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Host Institute</b>	<b>Implementing Agency</b>	<b>Thrust Area</b>	<b>Total GoI Assistance (In Rs. Lakh)</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Department of International Business, School of Management Pondicherry University	Department of International Business, School of Management Pondicherry University	Multi-Trade-Agro-Rural	100 Lakhs	Under Implementation

\*\*\*\*\*

## Annexure

## State-wise LBI Approved under ASPIRE as on date

Sr. No	State	Number of LBIs approved
1	Andhra Pradesh	5
2	Assam	6
3	Bihar	3
4	Chhattisgarh	2
5	Delhi	2
6	Gujarat	1
7	Haryana	1
8	Himachal Pradesh	1
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1
10	Jharkhand	2
11	Karnataka	2
12	Kerala	3
13	Madhya Pradesh	6
14	Maharashtra	5
15	Manipur	9
16	Meghalaya	3
17	Mizoram	2
18	Nagaland	4
19	Odisha	8
20	Puducherry	1
21	Rajasthan	10
22	Sikkim	1
23	Tamil Nadu	6
24	Telangana	11
25	Uttar Pradesh	9
26	Uttarakhand	1
27	West Bengal	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>106</b>