

RAJYA SABHA
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QUESTION
Industrial units in the North Eastern Region

3063. # Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of manufacturing units presently operational in the North Eastern States, out of them the number of these units set up in the last five years;
- (b) the total number of startups registered in North Eastern States, at present, whether Government is running special schemes to promote startups in the North Eastern Region, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has entered into any agreements to connect startups from the Region with global investors, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

- (a) A revised definition, based on the twin criteria of investment and turnover, was adopted on 01.07.2020 to define Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Udyam Registration Portal (URP) was launched for registration of MSMEs. To bring Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) under the formal ambit of MSMEs, Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) was launched on 11.01.2023. The number of manufacturing units registered on URP, including UAP in the North-Eastern states from 01.07.2020 to 15.03.2025 is 4,60,351.
- (b)&(c) 'Startup India Initiative' was launched by Government of India on 16th January, 2016, to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging investments in the startup ecosystem of the country. As per eligibility conditions prescribed under G.S.R. notification 127(E) dated 19th February, 2019, entities are recognized as

'startups' under the Startup India initiative by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). As on 31st January, 2025, 2109 entities in the North Eastern Region have been recognized as startup by DPIIT. Under the Startup India initiative, the Government of India constantly undertakes various efforts for the development and growth of startup ecosystem across the country including North Eastern Region. The flagship Schemes namely, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) support startups at various stages of their business cycle. Government also encourages and support ecosystem led initiatives as Startup Mahakumbh which serve as a vibrant platform for stakeholders to network and collaborate. Initiatives to improve market access and enable public procurement support startups in growing and scaling up their businesses have also been undertaken.
