

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No 994**

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**QUESTION**

**Startup in the North Eastern Region**

994. Shri Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba:

Smt. Rekha Sharma:

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

- (a) the number of startups registered in the North Eastern Region by 2024, State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been any initiative to improve the entrepreneurial landscape in the North-East; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**

**[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]**

(a) The Government, with an intent to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging investments in the startup ecosystem of the country launched the Startup India initiative on 16th January 2016. The State-wise number of entities in the NER which have been recognized as startups by DPIIT as on 31st December 2024 are provided below:

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of entities which have recognized as startups by DPIIT</b>
Arunachal Pradesh	47
Assam	1487
Manipur	179
Meghalaya	62
Mizoram	41
Nagaland	85
Sikkim	12
Tripura	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>2054</b>

(b) &(c) In addition to the above, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd., a NBFC under the administrative control of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region through the North East Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) scheme has been supporting first-generation entrepreneurs for developing start-up ecosystem of North East Region of India.

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