

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

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**PROMOTING THE REGISTRATION OF STARTUPS AND COMPANIES IN SMALL
TOWNS**

QUESTION

2947. SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is running any special campaign to simplify and facilitate the registration of startups and private companies in small and medium cities of the country;
- (b) whether any new initiatives have been taken to bring technical improvements and transparency in the MCA21 portal;
- (c) whether Government has introduced self-declaration or other relief schemes to improve compliance with company laws; and
- (d) the manner in which this is going to benefit small businesses, especially in industrial States like Gujarat?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD, TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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(a): - The Government of India has undertaken a number of steps to simplify and facilitate the registration of companies including start-ups throughout the country, including in small and medium cities. Some of the important measures are as under:

- i. A single integrated new web form called SPICe+ along with AGILE PRO-S has been deployed. This form provides eleven services related to 'starting a business' namely (i) Name Reservation, (ii) Incorporation, (iii) Permanent Account Number (PAN), (iv) Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN), (v) Director Identification Number (DIN), (vi) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Registration, (vii) Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Registration, (viii) Goods and Services Tax (GST) number, (ix) Bank Account Number, (x) Profession Tax Registration (Mumbai, Kolkata and Karnataka), (xi) Delhi Shops and Establishment Registration.

- ii. Zero fee is now charged for incorporation of all companies with authorized capital up to Rs. 15 lakh or with up to 20 members where no share capital is applicable.
- iii. A Central Registration Centre (CRC) has been set up for name reservation and incorporation of companies & Limited Liability Partnership (LLP).
- iv. The LLP Incorporation Form called FiLLiP has also been integrated with Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to provide PAN/TAN at the time of Incorporation of LLP itself.

The application process for startup recognition under the Startup India initiative has been streamlined and made entirely digital through an interactive Startup India portal and the National Single Window System (NSWS) making the same accessible from any part of the country. The documentation process for recognition is simplified with self-certification. Recognition handbook and tutorials have also been developed and uploaded on Startup India portal for ease of navigating recognition process. To promote startup recognition and to handhold entrepreneurs, workshops are held across States/UTs with support of State/UT nodal agencies for startups, and regional stakeholders such as incubators.

(b):-The Ministry has introduced several digital initiatives to enhance transparency, efficiency, and quickness in service delivery for reducing compliance burden and enhancing user experience, a few are listed below:

- i. The Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (CPACE) for centralized processing of voluntary closure of Companies/LLPs.
- ii. The MCA21 V3 platform facilitates Ease of Doing Business, and has introduced web-based forms, enabling real-time validation of the data entered by stakeholders. To further support stakeholders, a live chat feature has been integrated into the helpdesk, providing real-time assistance and enhancing the overall user experience.
- iii. The E-Adjudication system provides an end-to-end online platform for the processing of adjudication cases, ensuring efficiency and transparency.
- iv. Stakeholders can also raise tickets on the MCA21 portal to provide feedback and report grievances if any, regarding challenges faced.
- v. The Central Processing Centre (CPC) was operationalized w.e.f 16.02.2024 for faster and centralised handling of various electronic e-forms filed earlier with jurisdictional ROCs under Companies Act, 2013.

(c) and (d): - Vide Companies (Amendment) Act, 2017, the requirement of Section 7(1)(c) in respect of furnishing “affidavits” by the first directors and the subscribers at the time of incorporation regarding their not being convicted of offences indicated therein was changed. After the amendment, the first directors and the subscribers are required to furnish a “declaration” in this regard. Simplification through amendment in rules and forms is carried out from time to time on the basis of suggestions of stakeholders.
