

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025

STATUS AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ASPIRE-SUPPORTED LBIs AND TBIs

119. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) number of ASPIRE-supported Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) and Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) currently operating without renewal of operational support, beyond their initial funding cycle, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) number of such incubators that have become self-sustaining or profitable after completion of Government funding, sector-wise;
- (c) whether any third-party evaluation or audit has been conducted to assess long-term impact and sustainability of ASPIRE incubators, and if so, key findings thereof; and
- (d) whether any incubators have been closed or merged since inception of the scheme, and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise, along with the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a) & (b): A total of 109 Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) and 22 Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) have been approved under A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industry and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE). The component of Operational Support was included in the Scheme in FY 2021-22. Hence, out of total approved, 102 LBIs and 22 TBIs received only capital support. Out of which, 80 LBIs and 14 TBIs are currently functional and rest are under various stages of implementation. State-wise and District-wise Number of functional LBIs and TBIs is enclosed at *Annexure-I*. The functional LBIs and TBIs continue to operate even after completion of their initial Government funding cycle and are providing training programs in accordance with the Scheme guidelines.

(c): An evaluation study of the ASPIRE scheme was undertaken during FY 2021-22. The key findings of the evaluation study are: (i) shift focus from skill training alone to a broader incubation-led model enabling micro-enterprise creation, (ii) enhance institutional governance and monitoring mechanisms, and (iii) support LBIs with operational expenditure for efficient functioning of the LBIs.

(d): As per the data available, no LBI/TBI approved under ASPIRE scheme has been formally closed/merged.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in part (a) & (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 119, due for answer on 01.12.2025.

List of Functional Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs)

S. No.	State / UT	No. of Districts with LBIs
1	Andhra Pradesh	5
2	Assam	4
3	Bihar	2
4	Chhattisgarh	2
5	Delhi	1
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	5
14	Maharashtra	5
15	Manipur	9
16	Meghalaya	3
17	Mizoram	2
18	Nagaland	4
19	Odisha	4
20	Rajasthan	2
21	Sikkim	1
22	Tamil Nadu	5
23	Telangana	10
24	Uttar Pradesh	4
25	Uttarakhand	1
	Total	80

List of Functional Technology Business Incubators (TBIs)

S. No.	State	No. of Districts with TBIs
1	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Assam	1
3	Delhi	1
4	Karnataka	1
5	Maharashtra	3
6	Odisha	1
7	Rajasthan	2
8	Tamil Nadu	1
9	Telangana	2
	Total	14