

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493.
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 12TH DECEMBER, 2025.**

SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR WOMEN LED STARTUPS

1493. MS. SWATI MALIWAL:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of women led startups funded under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme, Credit Guarantee Scheme and Fund of Funds since 2020, with year-wise and State-wise details;
- (b) amount of funds allocated, released and utilised for women led startups, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) details of the sectors where women led startups have received maximum and minimum support and the corresponding success rate of these startups;
- (d) details of mentorship and training programmes specifically for women entrepreneurs, including State-wise participation; and
- (e) whether there are any States lagging behind in submitting proposals or benefiting from these schemes, with reasons and remedial measures taken by the Ministry?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

- (a) & (b):** Under the Startup India initiative, the Government is implementing three flagship Schemes, namely, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) to support startups across categories and sectors at various stages of their business cycle.

FFS has been established to catalyze venture capital investments and is operationalized by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), which provides capital to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) which in turn invest in startups. Supported AIFs have invested around Rs. 2,838.9 crore in 154 women-led startups in calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, as on 31st October 2025. The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise and year-wise details are placed as **Annexure-I**.

SISFS provides financial assistance to seed stage startups through incubators. SISFS is implemented from 1st April 2021. As on 31st October 2025, supported incubators

under the Scheme have approved funds of around Rs 284.79 crore to 1,635 women-led startups. The State/UT-wise and year-wise details are placed as **Annexure-II**.

CGSS is implemented for enabling collateral free loans to startups through eligible financial institutions [Member Institutes (MIs)]. CGSS is operationalized by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC) Limited and has been operationalized from 1st April 2023. As on 31st October 2025, 24 loans amounting to around Rs 33.17 crore have been guaranteed to women-led startup borrowers under CGSS. The State/UT-wise and year-wise details are placed as **Annexure-III**.

- (c): The sector-wise number of women-led startups supported by selected AIFs under the FFS, and amount invested in them in calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 is placed as **Annexure-IV**.

The sector-wise number of women-led startups selected by incubators under the SISFS, and funds approved to them in calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 is placed as **Annexure-V**.

The sector-wise details of number and amount of loans guaranteed to women-led startup borrowers under CGSS in calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 is placed as **Annexure-VI**.

It would be difficult to put together a statistic covering all types of new businesses and their success rate with any level of accuracy or lack of subjectivity. Therefore, the information with respect to the success rate of these startups is not centrally maintained by the Government.

- (d) & (e): The Government is undertaking various initiatives on pan-India basis to provide mentorship and training for women entrepreneurs. Details of such initiatives are placed as **Annexure-VII**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493 FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2025.

The State/UT-wise and year-wise number of women-led startups supported by selected AIFs under the FFS, and amount invested in them in calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 are as under:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)

State/ UT	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025 (as on 31 st October 2025)	
	No. of startups	Amount invested	No. of startups	Amount invested	No. of startups	Amount invested	No. of startups	Amount invested	No. of startups	Amount invested	No. of startups	Amount invested
Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9.45	-	-
Delhi	2	4.4	7	99.08	2	48.56	1	22.33	5	72.31	4	8.6
Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	119.99
Gujarat	-	-	1	146.11	2	41	-	-	-	-	2	23.35
Haryana	2	9.63	-	-	2	16.59	1	4	6	241.5	1	5.5
Karnataka	4	62.28	9	150.98	8	224.36	1	15	10	141.93	19	264.99
Kerala	-	-	1	102.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	1	1.5	2	5.74	-	-	1	9.99	-	-
Maharashtra	6	253.66	5	64.84	4	44.77	2	15.91	12	117.17	10	277.05
Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	1	0.35	-	-	-	-	-	-
Odisha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-
Puducherry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4.98	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-	-	-	1	2.1	-	-	1	9.99	-	-
Tamil Nadu	-	-	1	0.1	2	39.75	-	-	-	-	3	91.75
Telangana	1	4	1	0.75	1	7.5	-	-	-	-	1	27.3
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	1	10.28	-	-	-	-	1	1.5	-	-
West Bengal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4.5
Total	15	333.97	27	576.14	25	430.72	5	57.24	39	616.82	43	824.03

ANNEXURE-II

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The State/UT-wise and year-wise number of women-led startups selected by incubators under the SISFS, and funds approved to them in calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 are as under:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)

State/UT	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025 (as on 31 st October 2025)	
	No. of Startups	Amount approved	No. of Startups	Amount approved	No. of Startups	Amount approved	No. of Startups	Amount approved	No. of Startups	Amount approved
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0.000	0	0.000	1	0.040	0	0.000	0	0.000
Andhra Pradesh	0	0.000	2	0.650	11	2.950	7	1.675	9	1.680
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0.000	1	0.200	0	0.000	0	0.000	1	0.100
Assam	1	0.200	5	0.900	6	0.801	4	0.130	4	0.350
Bihar	0	0.000	3	0.600	15	3.030	3	0.550	4	0.540
Chandigarh	0	0.000	2	0.150	4	0.650	1	0.200	0	0.000
Chhattisgarh	1	0.100	1	0.120	3	0.440	3	0.255	3	0.421
Delhi	6	0.990	10	1.895	34	6.730	36	6.890	25	3.255
Goa	4	0.550	2	0.150	1	0.200	2	0.300	2	0.280
Gujarat	3	0.900	19	3.525	41	7.040	26	4.130	21	2.350
Haryana	1	0.150	10	1.470	28	4.220	20	3.805	13	2.250
Himachal Pradesh	0	0.000	1	0.100	7	0.940	2	0.350	1	0.050
Jammu and Kashmir	0	0.000	0	0.000	2	0.300	4	1.050	1	0.150
Jharkhand	1	0.400	1	0.000	1	0.250	4	0.700	4	0.470
Karnataka	10	2.320	58	11.700	58	11.947	50	10.060	25	4.130
Kerala	2	0.500	7	1.950	6	0.940	6	1.040	8	1.300
Madhya Pradesh	1	0.500	20	3.311	16	1.886	17	2.609	12	2.030
Maharashtra	10	2.250	43	9.420	100	18.490	85	15.305	45	5.878
Meghalaya	0	0.000	1	0.200	0	0.000	1	0.040	0	0.000
Mizoram	0	0.000	0	0.000	1	0.250	1	0.200	0	0.000
Nagaland	0	0.000	1	0.250	2	0.300	9	1.930	5	0.915
Odisha	1	0.100	6	1.045	14	2.220	20	1.979	19	2.350
Puducherry	0	0.000	1	0.160	1	0.200	0	0.000	0	0.000
Punjab	0	0.000	1	0.100	8	1.066	12	2.155	7	1.250
Rajasthan	2	0.205	9	2.045	17	3.285	17	2.670	15	1.720
Sikkim	0	0.000	1	0.050	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Tamil Nadu	13	1.975	16	3.551	46	6.202	62	12.293	34	4.885
Telangana	5	1.150	28	6.160	22	5.700	23	4.670	32	4.080
Uttar Pradesh	7	1.765	14	2.420	35	6.015	46	7.593	31	3.250
Uttarakhand	0	0.000	4	0.850	3	0.650	1	0.050	5	0.550
West Bengal	0	0.000	6	0.710	4	0.850	11	1.645	8	0.950
Total	68	14.055	273	53.682	487	87.592	473	84.274	334	45.184

ANNEXURE-III**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493 FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2025.**

The State/UT-wise details of number and amount of loans guaranteed to women-led startup borrowers in calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025 under CGSS as on 31st October 2025 are provided below:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)

State/UT	2023		2024		2025 (as on 31 st October 2025)	
	No. of loans guaranteed	Amount of loans guaranteed	No. of loans guaranteed	Amount of loans guaranteed	No. of loans guaranteed	Amount of loans guaranteed
Bihar	1	0.28	-	-	-	-
Delhi	-	-	3	4.7	-	-
Haryana	3	7.15	1	4.49	-	-
Karnataka	1	0.2	2	5.18	1	2
Kerala	-	-	1	0.5	-	-
Maharashtra	-	-	2	2.55	2	0.67
Tamil Nadu	3	0.65	-	-	-	-
Telangana	1	0.3	-	-	1	2.00
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	2	2.5	-	-
Total	9	8.58	11	19.92	4	4.67

ANNEXURE-IV**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493 FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2025.**

The sector-wise number of women-led startups supported by selected AIFs under the FFS, and amount invested in them in calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 are as under:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)

Sector	No. of startups	Amount invested
Advertising/Media/Entertainment	7	149.1
Agriculture/AgriTech	4	75.15
Artificial Intelligence / Robotics	5	254.12
Automotive	1	3.8
BioTechnology	1	9.49
Business Product and Services	14	326.7
Clean Tech/ Clean Energy	7	227.12
Consumer Goods & Services	23	407.8
E-Commerce	5	33.61
Education/Edtech	7	49.95
Environment	1	1.16
Financial Services/Fintech	9	209.48
Food & Beverages	7	110.09
Healthcare/Health-tech	26	573.91
IT & ITES	26	323.27
Logistics/Transport	2	17.25
Manufacturing	6	56.2
Space Tech	1	8.32
Travel and Tourism	2	2.4
Total	154	2,838.9

ANNEXURE-V**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493 FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2025.**

The sector-wise number of women-led startups selected by incubators under the SISFS, and funds approved to them in calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 are as under:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)		
Sector	No. of startups	Amount approved
Advertising	4	0.460
Aeronautics Aerospace & Defence	34	5.980
Agriculture	123	21.511
AI	75	11.725
Analytics	10	1.630
AR VR (Augmented + Virtual Reality)	6	1.150
Architecture Interior Design	5	0.940
Art & Photography	8	0.975
Automotive	48	7.533
Biotechnology	47	9.799
Chemicals	8	1.450
Computer Vision	4	0.865
Construction	15	2.570
Dating Matrimonial	1	0.000
Design	5	0.900
Education	90	15.265
Enterprise Software	38	6.055
Events	2	0.540
Fashion	37	6.979
Finance Technology	37	7.727
Food & Beverages	110	17.976
Green Technology	84	13.655
Healthcare & Lifesciences	310	60.872
House-Hold Services	10	1.596
Human Resources	12	2.446
Indic Language Startups	2	0.450
Internet of Things	25	3.546
IT Services	71	10.620
Logistics	10	1.825
Marketing	9	1.015
Media & Entertainment	14	2.470
Nanotechnology	5	0.985
Non- Renewable Energy	2	0.500
Other Specialty Retailers	1	0.200
Others	15	2.460
Pets & Animals	8	1.880
Professional & Commercial Services	26	3.694

Sector	No. of startups	Amount approved
Real Estate	6	0.518
Renewable Energy	27	3.795
Retail	38	6.439
Robotics	18	3.950
Safety	1	0.050
Security Solutions	7	0.820
Social Impact	31	4.196
Social Network	3	0.550
Sports	11	2.480
Technology Hardware	57	10.020
Telecommunication & Networking	4	0.700
Textiles & Apparel	44	7.172
Toys and Games	10	1.630
Transportation & Storage	16	4.260
Travel & Tourism	9	1.490
Waste Management	42	6.475
Total	1635	284.79

ANNEXURE-VI**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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The sector-wise details of number and amount of loans guaranteed to women-led startup borrowers under CGSS in calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31st October 2025 are provided below:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)

Sector	No. of loans guaranteed	Amount of loans guaranteed
Aerospace & Defence	1	5.00
Auto Components	1	2.00
Automobiles	1	2.00
Chemicals And Petrochemicals	1	0.50
Commercial Services & Supplies	1	0.18
Diversified Metals	1	0.50
Food & Other Products	5	6.09
IT - Software	2	3.70
Leisure Services	2	3.90
Other Construction Materials	1	1.65
Other Utilities	3	1.15
Personal Products	1	2.00
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	2	0.50
Textiles & Apparels	2	4.00
Total	24	33.17

ANNEXURE-VII

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493 FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2025.

Key measures to support women-led startups and promote women entrepreneurship:

1. Women-led applicants are **incentivized under the flagship schemes** of Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS).
2. **Capacity building programs** such as the Women Capacity Development Programme (WING), Virtual Incubation Programs, Startup Learning Program for Women in Technology, Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs Program support women-led startups and women entrepreneurs in their startup journey.
3. **Outreach and awareness measures** include a dedicated webpage on Startup India Hub portal detailing Government measures, Accelerating Startup Calibre & Entrepreneurial Drive (ASCEND) Startup Workshop Series for north-eastern region, SuperStree Podcast, Women for Startups workshops with States/UTs, and information dissemination through various media platforms to reach women-led startups and entrepreneurs across the country.
4. Women-led startups and entrepreneurs are also **recognised for their progress and achievements** through measures and initiatives such as interaction of women entrepreneurs with the Hon'ble President of India, specific provisions in the States' Startup Ranking exercise to encourage support for women-led startups in States/UTs and special category for women-led startups in National Startup Awards (NSA).
5. Apart from the above-mentioned measures, **other Ministries and Departments have also implemented programmes and initiatives** to support women entrepreneurship such as Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship Development for Women Self Help Groups (WSHG), Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY), Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme (WEDP), Science and Technology for Women (STW) programme, Swavalambini – Women Entrepreneurship Programme, Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), Skill Upgradation and Mahila Coir Yojana, etc.
