

**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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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**.

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## 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 are as under:

| State/ UT      | 2020            |                 | 2021            |                 | 2022            |                 | 2023            |                 | 2024            |                 | 2025 (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025) |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
|                | 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             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>15</b>       | <b>333.97</b>   | <b>27</b>       | <b>576.14</b>   | <b>25</b>       | <b>430.72</b>   | <b>5</b>        | <b>57.24</b>    | <b>39</b>       | <b>616.82</b>   | <b>43</b>                                  | <b>824.03</b>   |

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## ANNEXURE-II

### 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 selected by incubators under the SISFS, and funds approved to them in calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 are as under:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)

| State/UT                    | 2021            |                 | 2022            |                 | 2023            |                 | 2024            |                 | 2025 (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025) |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
|                             | 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           |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>68</b>       | <b>14.055</b>   | <b>273</b>      | <b>53.682</b>   | <b>487</b>      | <b>87.592</b>   | <b>473</b>      | <b>84.274</b>   | <b>334</b>                                 | <b>45.184</b>   |

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### 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 are provided below:

| State/UT      | 2023                    |                            | 2024                    |                            | 2025 (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> 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                        | -  | -                          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>9</b>                | <b>8.58</b>                | <b>11</b>               | <b>19.92</b>               | <b>4</b>                                   | <b>4.67</b>                |

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**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:

| Sector                             | No. of startups | Amount invested<br>(Amounts in Rs. crore) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 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                                       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>154</b>      | <b>2,838.9</b>                            |

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**ANNEXURE-V**

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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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 are as under:

| <b>Sector</b>                       | <b>No. of startups</b> | <b>(Amounts in Rs. crore)</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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                         |

| <b>Sector</b>                  | <b>No. of startups</b> | <b>Amount approved</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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                  |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>1635</b>            | <b>284.79</b>          |

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**ANNEXURE-VI****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 details of number and amount of loans guaranteed to women-led startup borrowers under CGSS in calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025 as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 are provided below:

(Amounts in Rs. crore)

| <b>Sector</b>                   | <b>No. of loans guaranteed</b> | <b>Amount of loans guaranteed</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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                              |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>24</b>                      | <b>33.17</b>                      |

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## 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 (WSHGs), 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.

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