

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017

‘MENTOR INDIA’ CAMPAIGN

*121. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog has recently launched ‘Mentor India’ campaign, a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders for guiding and mentoring students at “Atal Tinkering Labs”;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs have been established across the country as part of the Atal Innovation Mission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of labs established in each State, including Jhunjhunu and Sikar districts of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d) Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (D) of LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *121 RAISED BY SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT, MP and SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI, MP REGARDING 'MENTOR INDIA' CAMPAIGN

(a) & (b): Yes, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has recently launched the Mentor India Campaign under Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) program.

Mentor India Campaign under ATL program of AIM is strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders who can guide and mentor students in ATL established across India.

The campaign aims to engage intellectual citizens on voluntary basis in one or more ATLs and enable students to guide, experience, learn and practice future skills for their enhanced understanding about innovation. The mentors are expected to be enablers rather than instructors.

Possible areas of contribution could be, but not limited to:

- a) Technical Know-how: building innovative prototypes,
- b) Innovation and Design: inculcating solution oriented approach for surrounding challenges,
- c) Inspirational: Leadership and self-motivation to use the technology for societal cause, and
- d) Business and Entrepreneurship: encouraging ideas and team building for their future

A mentor, as a part of Mentor India program, is a person / organization / entity who will engage with one or more schools equipped Atal Tinkering Labs on an ongoing basis and provide voluntary services in the form of guest lectures, hands-on training and guidance, support to student projects, guidance in learning opportunities and any other mentoring support as requested by the school.

Atal Innovation Mission has received more than 3,000 applications for mentors and is currently are under review.

(c) & (d): Yes, Atal Innovation Mission has selected 2441 schools to establish ATLs in 34 states and union territories. The number of schools selected in different states and union territories are given in Annexure 1. The position regarding **Jhunjhunu** and **Sikar** districts is given below:

Sr. No.	School Name	Present Status
Jhunjhunu : Rajasthan		
1	BIRLA SHISHU VIHAR	Regret due to un-ability to comply as per ATL Guidelines
2	JHUNJHUNU ACADEMY	Provided in-active bank account details in PFMS
3	MATA SHRAVANI INT. SCHOOL	Yet to initiate compliance process
4	BIRLA BALIKA VIDYAPEETH	Yet to initiate compliance process
Sikar : Rajasthan		
1	JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA	Yet to initiate compliance process

Annexure 1

Number of Schools Selected in Different States and Union Territories for establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs by Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog

State / Union Territory	No. of ATLs from 941	No of ATLs from 1500	Total Number of ATL Selection
Andaman & Nicobar	04	00	04
Andhra Pradesh	33	131	164
Arunachal Pradesh	08	06	14
Assam	27	29	56
Bihar	31	27	58
Chandigarh	17	00	17
Chattisgarh	31	55	86
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	00	02	02
Daman & Diu	00	00	00
Delhi	55	45	100
Goa	10	01	11
Gujarat	49	71	120
Haryana	32	62	94
Himachal Pradesh	14	15	29
J&K	11	24	35
Jharkhand	11	35	46
Karnataka	47	131	178
Kerala	41	172	213
Lakshadweep	00	00	00
Madhya Pradesh	49	104	153
Maharashtra	77	116	193
Manipur	09	07	16
Meghalaya	08	03	11
Mizoram	04	07	11
Nagaland	03	06	09
Odisha	17	90	107
Puducherry	05	02	07
Punjab	37	41	78
Rajasthan	23	69	92
Sikkim	09	00	09
Tamil Nadu	81	90	171
Telangana	30	29	59
Tripura	09	07	16
Uttar Pradesh	88	98	186
Uttarakhand	21	07	28
West Bengal	50	18	68
Total	941	1500	2441