

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1851
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

MENTORING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1851. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to set up a centre aimed at mentoring women entrepreneurship and provide financial support to women to stand up in the business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the task has been entrusted to NITI Aayog to work out the modalities and policies for establishment of the said unit and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided through this entity?

ANSWER

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog provides support for the setting up of Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) and scaling up of Established Incubation Centres (EICs). So far 19 incubators have been selected for AICs and EICs. One of the AICs that has been set up at Banasthali Vidyapeeth that is a woman only University and the AIC-Banasthali focuses only on mentoring and supporting women entrepreneurs while another EIC (NS Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning, IIM Bangalore) runs a special program for women entrepreneurship. However, all incubation Centres are expected to support women entrepreneurs as well for mentoring and help them in setting up and scaling up their businesses.
