

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2484  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/12/2018

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT BOARD

2484. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives for launching the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) and the achievement made since its inception;
- (b) the details of the agencies working under the NSTEDB;
- (c) the details of the people registered and successfully trained by the NSTEDB since its inception; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for efficient functioning of NSTEDB?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री, पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री और पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

(डॉ. हर्ष वर्धन)

(a) The National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) was established in 1982 by the Government of India under the aegis of Department of Science & Technology, as an institutional mechanism to help promote knowledge driven and technology intensive enterprises. It aims to convert "job-seekers" into "job-generators" through Science & Technology (S&T) interventions. The key objectives of NSTEDB are as given below:

- To promote and develop high-end entrepreneurship for S&T manpower as well as self-employment by utilising S&T infrastructure and by using S&T methods.
- To facilitate and conduct various informational services relating to promotion of entrepreneurship.
- To network agencies of the support system, academic institutions and Research & Development (R&D) organisations to foster entrepreneurship and self-employing using S&T with special focus on backward areas as well.
- To act as a policy advisory body with regard to entrepreneurship.

NSTEDB supports a variety of programmes for promotion of entrepreneurship. Since the inception, NSTEDB has set up 140 Technology business Incubators and nurtured over 4000 technology based ventures. Through its various programs on innovation scouting and support, it has reached out to one lakh innovators and students. They have been provided with mentoring, guidance and business support services. In addition, 1,82,687 persons have been trained under various programmes on entrepreneurship.

(b) NSTEDB nurtures various organizations and academic institutions in implementing projects supported by NSTEDB. Agencies which are networked with NSTEDB for promotion of Science and Technology based Entrepreneurship are academic and R&D Institutions; Institutes of Entrepreneurship Development created by various state governments; Technical Consultancy Organisations in various states promoted by all India Financial Institutions, Banks and State Governments; and Non Governmental Organisations engaged in promotion of entrepreneurship. Overall NSTEDB has supported over 1085 different organisations for implementing its programs and projects.

(c) NSTEDB has successfully trained 1,82,687 persons including 31,135 women across the country on entrepreneurship development through various modules of training programmes since its inception. In addition, 10,28,132 students have also been sensitised through entrepreneurship awareness camps.

(d) For each of the programmes implemented by NSTEDB, there is a separate Expert Advisory Committee constituted by the Department and Chaired by an eminent expert to oversee the overall functioning and management of the program, Each Committee meets regularly to review the performance and suggests steps for efficient functioning of program. NSTEDB overall performance has been reviewed through evaluation studies undertaken by Expert Committees /Reputed organizations in the year 1988, 1998, 2013 and 2018. With the new directive and focus of the government through the launch of Start up India as a National initiative in the year 2016, NSTEDB has already geared itself to a bigger role and responsibility. It has rolled out a new umbrella Initiative "National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI)". The details of NIDHI are available at <http://www.nstedb.com/new-programmes.htm>.

\*\*\*\*\*