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INCUBATION CENTRES FOR WOMEN

5288: SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the incubation centres for women-led businesses created so far;
- (b) the number of incubation centres launched under the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP);
- (c) the number of beneficiaries registered to the WEP;
- (d) whether there are any plans to set up more incubation centres to boost women-led businesses; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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(a) The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida, and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, are autonomous institutions under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship have set up incubation centres to support trainees, including women trainees. NIESBUD, Noida has setup incubation centres for Fashion designing, Beauty and Wellness, and Food Processing. IIE, Guwahati has setup incubation centres for Food Processing Livelihood Business Incubation (LBI) at IIE, Guwahati campus and Dairy Processing Livelihood Business Incubation (LBI) at Sivasagar, Assam.

The details of incubation centres of other Ministries/Departments for development of entrepreneurship including development of women entrepreneurs are as given below:

i. Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry Of Science And Technology, Government of India, through its Technology Business Incubator (TBI) program has supported setting up of startup incubators in and around academic setups. Some of the TBIs are focused to support women led start-ups across different technology domains. DST has supported setting up of TBI with emphasis to support Women led start-up is at Indira Gandhi Delhi Technological University for Women, Delhi; Sri Padmawati Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Tirupati; Sri Vishnu College of Engineering, Bhiwavaram.

ii. Incubator component under DAY-NRLM, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India The National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP), a sub Scheme under DAY-NRLM has launched Incubator component under non-Farm livelihood initiative by on boarding of dedicated Incubators who

will work closely with the State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) to incubate growing micro-enterprises and facilitate their self-sustenance, thereby creating local employment opportunities. The objective of the initiative is to pilot strategies to scale up **150** existing women-owned/ women-led growth-oriented enterprises (from SHGs ecosystem) in a State and create models for replicability. The enterprises supported under incubator should be from manufacturing and service sectors. As of February 2023, Incubator component has been approved and under implementation in four States Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, and West Bengal.

iii. **The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE)** was established as an autonomous Institute at Hyderabad by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MA&FW), Government of India to strengthen the Agricultural Extension System in the country to address the challenges in a rapidly growing and diverse agriculture sector. MANAGE - Centre for Innovation and Agripreneurship (CIA) is one of the Agri-Business Incubators as a Knowledge Partner for the MA&FW under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) scheme promoting Agripreneurs and women-lead startups.

iv. **Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India**, iDEX framework was launched by the Government of India with the aim to foster innovation and technology development in Defence and Aerospace Sector by engaging Industries including MSMEs, startups, individual innovators, R&D institutes and academia to promote self reliance. iDEX framework is gender neutral. There are 19 incubation centres in the country, which are engaged with iDEX to support the development of startup ecosystem in the Defence sector.

(b) Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) is an aggregator platform that showcases initiatives of Government, corporate, non-profit and international entities for promoting women entrepreneurship. It provides relevant information to women entrepreneurs and prospective entrepreneurs through a unique smart match-make feature. WEP as on 28.03.2023 provides details of 463 incubators and 112 accelerators that can be accessed through the weblink: <https://wep.gov.in/access-finance?slug=incubation-and-acceleration>.

(c) The number of beneficiaries registered on WEP as on 28.03.2023 are 29,439.

(d) & (e) North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has appointed IIE, Guwahati as nodal Institute to Establish four Incubation Centres in North Eastern Region (NER) States of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura over a period of three years.
