GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1697
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13.12.2023

NETWORK OF INCUBATORS AND ACCELERATOR

1697. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government proposes to increase the network of incubators and accelerators under SAMRIDH Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
(b)   the details of the additional steps taken by the Government in this regard;
(c)   whether the Government is likely to promote electronics manufacturing particularly Electronics Research and Design (ERD) in the country; and
(d)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (d):The Ministry of Electronics of Information Technology (MeitY) has undertaken various initiatives and measures to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country. The Startup Accelerator of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth (SAMRIDH) programme was launched in August 2021 for a period of three years to accelerate around 300 Startups (cohort size of 5-10 Startups) through existing and upcoming Accelerators. In the first round of cohort, 22 potential Accelerators spread across 12 states have been identified and supported with a mandate to accelerate 175 startups under SAMRIDH programme. MeitY has also launched an umbrella scheme GENESIS (Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups) with a budget of 490 Crores for a period of 5 years to discover, support, grow and accelerate tech startups in smaller cities and towns for inclusive techno-socio-economic development. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)supports more than 100 projects in Research, Design and Development of projects at academia, industry (including Start-ups/ MSMEs) and R&D organizations in identified areas of Electronics Systems Development & Application.

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