

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3097**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2021**

**ASPIRE**

3097.           SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of ASPIRE Scheme;
- (b) the status and performance of Central Coir Research Institute at Rajahmundry which has been made as Livelihood Business Incubator under ASPIRE;
- (c) the details of persons who have taken admission in the above incubator since its establishment in 2015 along with those who have been able to pass out successfully who have set up their own enterprise and those who have got employment, year-wise;
- (d) whether there are any plans to upgrade the above Incubator and if so, the details thereof, and
- (e) whether the Government is planning to expand ASPIRE in Andhra Pradesh particularly in East Godavari and if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises implements A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE) to promote innovation and entrepreneurship, and thereby generating employment in the agro-rural sector. The main objectives of setting up Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) under ASPIRE are as follows:-

- (i) Incubate eligible youth in various skills and provide them with opportunity to set up their own business enterprises,
- (ii) Impart entrepreneurship and skill development training to youth,
- (iii) Provide mentoring and hand holding with facilitation for funding for setting up own business enterprises
- (iv) Promote new low-end-technology/livelihood based enterprises.

(b) & (c): Central Coir Research Institute (CCRI) is the Research & Development Institute of Coir Board located at Kalavoor, Kerala. Under ASPIRE, an LBI has been set up at Rajahmundry which is functional since March 2016. The year-wise performance of the said LBI is as follows:-

Year	No. of Incubates admitted	No. of Incubates passed out	No. of own enterprises set up
2016-17	36	36	24
2017-18	44	44	23
2018-19	0	0	0
2019-20	0	0	0
2020-21	10	10	9
2021-22*	9	9	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>63</b>

\* Till 13.12.2021

(d): Currently, there is no plan to upgrade the said Livelihood Business Incubator at Rajahmundry.

(e): Under ASPIRE, five (5) LBIs have already been approved in Andhra Pradesh, including one (1) LBI in East Godavari district. Besides, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises will continue to consider proposals for setting up of LBIs from across the country, including Andhra Pradesh, based on merit.

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