

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*151  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

**EIR PROGRAMME**

**\*151 Dr. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:**

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

- (a) the number of startups that have been supported under the Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) programme of the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) by the Department of Science and Technology (DST);**
- (b) whether grants have been disbursed under this program to aspiring entrepreneurs or to startups; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 151 FOR 27.07.2022 REGARDING EIR PROGRAMME**

**(a) Under National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI)- Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) program, 604 number of aspiring entrepreneurs or startups have been supported so far.**

**(b) & (c) Yes Sir, the grants have been disbursed in the form of fellowship to the selected aspiring entrepreneurs or startups across the country through a network of 29 Technology Business Incubator (TBIs) who act as a program implementation partner for NIDHI EIR program.**

**Entrepreneurs-in- Residence (EIR) is the program introduced under the umbrella of National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) by Department of Science & Technology (DST) in the financial year 2016-17. This program aims to inspire and provide support to S&T qualified persons who aspire to be an entrepreneur and has an innovative idea. The NIDHI EIR program is positioned as a pre-incubation program to generate new pipeline of entrepreneurs or startups.**

**The main objective of NIDHI EIR program is to encourage graduating students to take entrepreneurship instead of seeking jobs. The selected NIDHI-EIR support recipient (aspiring entrepreneurs/startups) is eligible for grant up to Rs.30,000/- per month for a period of 12 months. This fellowship is extendable up to 18 months in case of deserving candidates. Since the launch of NIDHI EIR program grant of Rs.19.03 crore has been disbursed to 604 number of aspiring entrepreneur or startups. This state wise list of NIDHI EIR recipients is given at Table 1.**

**Table 1**

<b>State</b>	<b>Number of NIDHI EIR supported entrepreneurs/startups</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Assam</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Bihar</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Goa</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Haryana</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Kerala</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Manipur</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Odisha</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Telangana</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Delhi</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Pondicherry</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>604</b>

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