

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1157.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 03<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2024.**

**PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN TECH STARTUPS**

**1157. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the data on participation of women involved in tech startups is maintained during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise/year-wise/district-wise, particularly in Jharkhand; and
- (b) the details of the steps taken to promote and support women participation in startups including the allocation of funds during the last three years in the country, State-wise/year-wise/district-wise, particularly in Jharkhand?

**ANSWER**

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

- (a): The Government maintains data with respect to entities recognised as startups by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), including entities recognised as startups with at least one-woman director.

As per eligibility conditions prescribed under G.S.R. notification 127 (E) dated 19th February 2019, entities are recognized as 'startups' under the Startup India initiative by DPIIT. As on 31st October 2024, a total of 1,52,139 entities have been recognised as startups. Of these, 14,353 entities have been recognised as startups in technology sectors with at least one-woman director during the last three years and the current year viz. 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise number of entities recognised as startups in technology sectors with at least one-woman director during the last three years and the current year viz. 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 is placed as **Annexure-I**.

Particularly with respect to the State of Jharkhand, the district-wise number of entities recognised as startups in technology sectors with at least one-woman director during the last three years and the current year viz. 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 is placed as **Annexure-II**.

- (b): The Government is implementing various programs to promote women entrepreneurship and support women participation in startups under the Startup

India initiative. The details of such Government initiatives are placed as **Annexure-III**.

Under the Startup India initiative, the Government is implementing three flagship Schemes, namely, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) to support startups across categories and sectors at various stages of their business cycle.

FFS has been established to catalyze venture capital investments and is operationalized by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), which provides capital to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) which in turn invest in startups. AIFs supported under FFS are required to invest at least 2 times of the amount committed under FFS in startups. AIFs have invested Rs. 1,542 crore in women-led startups in the last three years viz. 2021, 2022 and 2023. The State/UT-wise list of amount of investments in women-led startups by selected AIFs in the last three years is placed as **Annexure-IV**.

SISFS provides financial assistance to seed stage startups through incubators. SISFS is implemented from 1st April 2021. Incubators selected under the Scheme have approved funds of Rs. 155.6 crore to women-led startups in the last three years viz. 2021, 2022, and 2023. The State/UT-wise list of funds approved to women-led startups by selected incubators in the last three years is placed as **Annexure-V**.

CGSS is implemented for enabling collateral free loans to startups through eligible financial institutions [Member Institutes (MIs)]. CGSS is operationalized by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC) Limited and has been operationalized from 1st April 2023. As on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, loans amounting to Rs 13.6 crore have been guaranteed to women-led startup borrowers under CGSS in the last year viz. 2023. The State/UT-wise list of the amount of loans guaranteed to women-led startup borrowers in the year 2023 is placed as **Annexure-VI**.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1157 FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2024.**

**State/UT-wise number of entities recognised as startups in technology sectors by DPIIT with at least one-woman director during the last three years and the current year viz. 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 is given below:**

State/UT	2021	2022	2023	2024 (as on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024)
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2	1	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	42	51	88	70
Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	3	1
Assam	22	26	26	26
Bihar	43	41	75	62
Chandigarh	13	10	14	16
Chhattisgarh	18	26	29	39
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1	2	1	2
Delhi	337	295	376	241
Goa	8	8	11	12
Gujarat	204	242	307	245
Haryana	163	175	223	182
Himachal Pradesh	8	14	11	12
Jammu and Kashmir	6	13	15	18
Jharkhand	20	28	40	22
Karnataka	411	448	493	443
Kerala	148	160	167	128
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	72	106	159	111
Maharashtra	567	629	659	558
Manipur	3	4	0	1
Meghalaya	2	0	2	2
Mizoram	0	1	1	1
Nagaland	1	1	1	1
Odisha	56	55	98	48
Puducherry	1	5	8	4
Punjab	30	39	61	37
Rajasthan	77	109	188	135
Sikkim	0	1	0	0
Tamil Nadu	219	322	417	315
Telangana	200	233	317	248
Tripura	1	3	3	3
Uttar Pradesh	280	307	400	346
Uttarakhand	8	27	33	15
West Bengal	93	119	127	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>3,502</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>3,442</b>

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**ANNEXURE-II**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1157 FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2024.**

**District-wise number of entities recognised as startups in technology sectors by DPIIT with at least one-woman director for the State of Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year viz. 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 is given below:**

<b>District</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024 (as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024)</b>
Bokaro	1	4	4	1
Deoghar	0	3	4	0
Dhanbad	1	6	7	2
Dumka	1	0	0	0
East Singhbhum	1	4	5	4
Garhwa	1	0	0	1
Giridih	1	0	0	0
Gumla	0	0	1	0
Hazaribagh	1	0	0	0
Jamtara	1	0	0	0
Khunti	0	0	0	1
Palamu	1	0	1	0
Ramgarh	0	0	1	0
Ranchi	11	8	14	12
Saraikela Kharsawan	0	1	2	0
Simdega	0	0	0	1
West Singhbhum	0	2	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1157 FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2024.**

**Programs Implemented to promote Women Entrepreneurship across the country, including the State of Jharkhand:**

1. To promote flow of both equity and debt to women led startups, 10% of the fund in the Fund of Funds for Startups Scheme operated by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is reserved for women-led startups.
2. Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) led by women are eligible to be considered for a higher level of management fee (0.1% per annum). The same benefit is also extended to AIFs which are focused on women led startups.
3. Women Capacity Development Programme (WING) is a unique Capacity Development Program for women-led startups, to identify and support both aspiring and established women entrepreneurs in their startup journeys. The workshops are open to variety of business sectors including Tech, Construction, Product, Machine, Food, Agriculture, Education, etc. The workshops serve as a platform for emerging women entrepreneurs and other stakeholders to discuss the key challenges facing women entrepreneurs. WING workshops create a conducive environment to share best practices and experiences in overcoming challenges and to gain insights learned from the business models adopted in the Indian context.
4. A Virtual Incubation Program for Women Entrepreneurs was conducted in collaboration with Zone Startups to support women-led tech startups with pro-bono acceleration support.
5. Startup India Hub: A webpage dedicated to women entrepreneurs has been designed on the Startup India portal. The page includes various policy measures for women entrepreneurs by both Central and State Governments.
6. ASCEND Startup Workshop Series and Women for Startups Workshops: The Government organized a series of startup workshops - ASCEND (Accelerating Startup Calibre & Entrepreneurial Drive), for the entrepreneurs, aspiring entrepreneurs, and students from North-eastern region. In addition, the workshops are conducted with a specific focus on women entrepreneurs across the north-eastern states. The workshops have witnessed participation from ecosystem stakeholders such as government officials, startups, aspiring entrepreneurs, investors, academic institutions, etc.
7. SuperStree Podcast: With a vision to inspire a greater number of women across all regions in India to become entrepreneurs, the SuperStree video podcast series has been launched on women in the Indian Startup Ecosystem. The podcast spreads awareness related to innovations from women and to further strengthen women entrepreneurship in the country.

8. Through various awareness programmes and capacity building programmes organized by the Government, and through print media and social media platforms, the Government also creates awareness about the existing schemes which support micro, small and medium entrepreneurs, including women entrepreneurs.
9. Women For Startups: State Workshops for Women Entrepreneurs were held across States to build the capacity of aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs. The workshops focused on government scheme awareness, mock pitching, and finance-related training.
10. President's Interaction with Women Entrepreneurs: On 18th January 2024, as part of the "The President with the People" initiative, 25 women entrepreneurs had the opportunity to interact with the Hon'ble President of India. The interaction highlighted the role of women-led startups in driving innovation, creating jobs, and contributing to India's growing startup ecosystem. The Hon'ble President acknowledged their efforts in turning ideas into ventures and emphasized the importance of their success in inspiring future generations.
11. The States' Startup Ranking on support to startup ecosystems is primarily an exercise to identify good practices across all the Indian states. The evaluation includes a specific provision to gauge the formulation and implementation of policies and special incentives to promote women-led startups in each state. The particular action point has witnessed active engagement and thereon reporting of measures undertaken by participating States and UTs.
12. To identify the depth, quality and spread of innovation, inclusivity and diversity, and entrepreneurship in country, the Government instituted the National Startup Awards (NSA). NSA recognizes and promotes startups across 20 sectors and special categories. All four editions of the NSA (2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023) have featured a special category and award for women-led startups.

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**ANNEXURE-IV**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1157 FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2024.**

**State/UT-wise details of investments made by selected AIFs under FFS to women-led startups, in the last three years viz. 2021, 2022 and 2023 are as under:**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Karnataka	41.25	83.86	39.11
Maharashtra	149.77	180.6	42
Delhi	226.22	66.35	9.8
Gujarat	186.11	28	19.6
Haryana	25.2	126.67	19.58
Tamil Nadu	30.1	107.07	8
Kerala	90	-	-
Telangana	-	-	7.5
Uttar Pradesh	-	14.88	-
Rajasthan	-	30.82	-
Punjab	-	-	-
Assam	3	0.5	-
Manipur	3	0.5	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	1.65	-
Nagaland	-	-	0.65
Meghalaya	-	0.35	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>754.6</b>	<b>641.2</b>	<b>146.2</b>

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**ANNEXURE-V**

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**State/UT-wise details of funds approved to women-led startups by selected incubators under SISFS in the last three years viz. 2021, 2022, and 2023:**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-		0.04
Andhra Pradesh	-	0.65	2.95
Arunachal Pradesh	-	0.2	-
Assam	0.2	0.5	0.8
Bihar	-	0.6	3.03
Chandigarh	-	0.15	0.65
Chhattisgarh	-	0.12	0.44
Delhi	0.99	1.91	7.58
Goa	0.55	0.15	0.2
Gujarat	0.9	3.54	7.12
Haryana	0.15	1.47	4.23
Himachal Pradesh	-	0.1	0.95
Jammu and Kashmir	-	-	0.3
Jharkhand	0.4*	-	0.25**
Karnataka	2.22	11.99	12.14
Kerala	0.5	1.95	0.94
Madhya Pradesh	0.5	3.32	1.89
Maharashtra	2.1	8.93	18.52
Meghalaya	-	0.2	-
Mizoram	-	-	0.25
Nagaland	-	0.25	0.3
Odisha	0.1	1.07	2.22
Puducherry	-	0.16	0.2
Punjab	-	0.1	1.07
Rajasthan	0.21	2.05	3.29
Sikkim	-	0.05	-
Tamil Nadu	1.93	3.56	6.2
Telangana	1.15	6.17	5.7
Uttar Pradesh	1.57	2.42	6.23
Uttarakhand	-	0.85	0.65
West Bengal	-	0.71	0.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.47</b>	<b>53.17</b>	<b>88.99</b>

\* Approved to a woman-led startup in the district of Ranchi

\*\* Approved to a woman-led startup in the district of Dhanbad

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**ANNEXURE-VI**

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**The State/UT-wise details of amount of loans guaranteed (in Rs. crore) to women-led startup borrowers under CGSS in the last year viz. 2023 are as under:**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Amount of loans guaranteed in 2023</b>
Haryana	7.15
Karnataka	5
Kerala	0.5
Tamil Nadu	0.65
Telangana	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.6</b>

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