

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5229
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.04.2025

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

5229. SHRI JAGADISH SHETTAR:

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

- (a) whether there are any moves being contemplated by the Ministry to have its own Artificial Intelligence (AI) System; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the cost of investment for the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b): Union Cabinet led by Hon'ble Prime Minister has approved the **IndiaAI Mission on 7th March 2024**, a strategic initiative to establish a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem that aligns with the country's development goals. The financial outlay of the mission is **Rs 10,371.92 Crore**.

IndiaAI Mission encompasses key pillars of the AI ecosystem including, IndiaAI Compute Capacity, IndiaAI Innovation Centre, IndiaAI Datasets Platform, IndiaAI Application Development Initiative, IndiaAI FutureSkills, IndiaAI Startup Financing and Safe & Trusted AI.

By democratizing access to computing resources, enhancing data quality, nurturing homegrown AI expertise, attracting top talent, fostering industry partnerships, supporting startup ventures, promoting socially impactful AI projects, and emphasizing ethical practices, the mission seeks to foster responsible and inclusive growth within India's AI landscape.

IndiaAI under the IndiaAI Innovation Pillar, on 30th January, 2025, had **launched a Call for Proposals** inviting proposals from startups, researchers, and entrepreneurs to collaborate **on building state-of-the-art foundational AI models trained on Indian datasets**. The initiative aims to establish indigenous AI models that align with global standards while addressing unique challenges and opportunities within the Indian context.

Till 15th March, IndiaAI Mission has received a total of **187 proposals** aimed at building India's foundation models, with contributions from both established startups and new teams of researchers & academia. Along with funding support, a **wide range of GPUs have been requested** by teams submitting these proposals.
