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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4302. TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 19TH AUGUST, 2025.

STATUS AND SUSTAINABILITY OF STARTUPS IN INDIA

4302. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state: वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) the number of startups established in the country during the last five financial years;
- (b) the number of startups registered during this period, currently active, inactive/passive, or have shut down with specific data for the State of Bihar;
- (c) the key reasons for the closure of these startups; and
- (d) the steps the Government is taking to ensure the sustainability and long-term success of startups in India?

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) & (b): As on 30th June 2025, a total of 1,80,683 entities have been recognised as startups by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Of these, 1,38,031 have been recognised during the last five financial years viz. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25. Specifically for the State of Bihar, a total of 3,766 entities have been recognised as startups by DPIIT as on 30th June 2025. Of these, 3,049 have been recognised during the last five financial years viz. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25.

As per data shared by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on 18th July 2025, 6,019 recognised startups are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off) and 59 recognised startups are categorized as inactive/dormant. In the given data, specifically for the State of Bihar, 95 recognised startups are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off) and none categorized as inactive/dormant.

(c): Startup closures that occur are generally influenced by factors such as the viability of the business model, alignment with market demands, domestic and global economic conditions, the nature of products and services developed, the ability to attract funding, and other business specific considerations.

(d): To ensure the sustainability and growth of startups, the Government unveiled an action plan for startups comprising of schemes and incentives envisaged to create a vibrant startup ecosystem in the country. The Action Plan comprises of 19 action items spanning across areas such as "Simplification and handholding", "Funding support and incentives" and "Industry-academia partnership and incubation".

The flagship Schemes namely, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) support startups at various stages of their business cycle. The Government also implements periodic exercises and programs including States' Startup Ranking, National Startup Awards, and Innovation Week which play an important role in the holistic development of the startup ecosystem. The Government also encourages and supports ecosystem-led initiatives such as Startup Mahakumbh which serve as a vibrant platform for stakeholders to network and collaborate. Initiatives to improve market access and enable public procurement support startups in growing and scaling up their businesses. Digital platforms such as the Startup India Hub portal and Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) enable easy access to resources and startup ecosystem collaboration. These measures are complemented by regulatory reforms and other ecosystem development events and programs.
