

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4399  
ANSWERED ON 20/08/2025**

**START-UPS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTED UNDER  
VIGYAN DHARA SCHEME**

**4399. SMT. ANITA SUBHADARSHINI:**

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of beneficiaries under the Vigyan Dhara Scheme has increased in recent years;**
- (b) if so, the details of beneficiaries, State-wise;**
- (c) the number of start-ups and research institutions supported under Vigyan Dhara Scheme in the States and criteria for their selection; and**
- (d) the allocation of fund and utilisation under the said scheme during last three years, State- wise?**

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES  
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**विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)**

**(a) to (b): The Vigyan Dhara scheme came into force with effect from 16.01.2025 after the merger of three umbrella schemes namely (1) Science and Technology Institutional and Human Capacity Building, (2) Research and Development and (3) Innovation, Technology Development and Deployment of the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The number of beneficiaries under the scheme has increased since its inception and their details, state-wise, are placed at Annexure-I.**

**(c) Under Vigyan Dhara, NIDHI-SEED support has been provided to 36 Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) across the country. These TBIs further provided Seed funds to 72 Startups. These Startups were selected through Seed Support Management Committee (SSMC) of the respective TBIs using following broad criteria:**

- **Problem statement & proposed solutions**
- **Market opportunity**
- **Feasibility and novelty**
- **Potential impact**
- **Competition**

**(d) The Vigyan Dhara scheme is a central sector scheme and is being implemented at pan India level. Total funds allocated and utilized under Vigyan Dhara, since its inception, are as follows:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Allocation (Rs. in crore)</b>	<b>Utilized as on 12.08.2025 (Rs. in crore)</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>330.75</b>	<b>271.98</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>1425</b>	<b>984.33</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1755.75</b>	<b>1256.31</b>

**Annexure-I****State-wise number of beneficiaries under Vigyan Dhara scheme**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of States/UTs</b>	<b>No. of beneficiaries</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>3816</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>491</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>2517</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>3812</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>1561</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>1138</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>753</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>1968</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>6676</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>1278</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>3963</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>3303</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Orissa</b>	<b>3749</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>687</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>12424</b>

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of States/UTs</b>	<b>No. of beneficiaries</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>1707</b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>3679</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>26.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>2661</b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>13195</b>
<b>28.</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>1570</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>Andaman and Nicobar Islands</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Chandigarh</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<b>1183</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>1155</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Ladakh</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>35.</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>36.</b>	<b>Pondicherry</b>	<b>83</b>

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