

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

MSMEs IN NORTH EASTERN HILLY REGION

3202. SHRI AMARSING TISSO:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has data on registered MSMEs in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any Startup India incubation or mentorship support is available to youth entrepreneurs in these districts, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to boost entrepreneurship in the North Eastern hilly region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): A revised definition based on the twin criteria of investment and turnover, was adopted to define Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in 2020. Accordingly, for registration of enterprise having PAN, Udyam Registration Portal (URP) was launched on 01.07.2020. To formalise Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) i.e. Enterprises, which are exempt from filing GST, Udyam Assist Platform (UAP), was launched on 11.01.2023. Since inception till 15.12.2025 in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam State 18,827 and 7483 respectively MSMEs have been Registered.

(b): Startup India is an initiative by the Government of India. The Government, with an intent to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging investments in the startup ecosystem of the country launched the Startup India initiative on 16.01.2016. In the North Eastern States many entities have been recognized as startups by DPIIT. North Eastern Finance Development Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), is a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) under administrative control of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. NEDFi has been contributing towards building startup ecosystem of North East Region (NER) of India. NEDFi has launched and managed three SEBI registered venture capital funds. Also, NEDFi has tied up with Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), a PSU to launch NRL Ideation Angel Fund (NRL IAF). Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) through NEDFi had created the North East Venture Fund (NEVF).

Under Startup India initiative, the Government is implementing three flagship Schemes, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) to provide funding opportunities and support startups across 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. SISFS provides financial assistance to seed stage startups through incubators.

(c): The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has undertaken the following initiatives under Startup India to promote entrepreneurship in the North Eastern States:

1. **ASCEND Startup Workshop Series and Women for Startups Workshops:** The Government has organized a series of startup workshops – ASCEND (Accelerating Startup Calibre & Entrepreneurial Drive), for entrepreneurs, aspiring entrepreneurs, and students from the North-eastern region.
2. **Knowledge Exchange and Capacity Building Workshops:** DPIIT organized knowledge exchange workshops for dissemination of good practices and mutual learning among States and UTs.
3. **Startup India Yatra Initiative:** Startup India launched Startup India Yatra in 2017 to promote entrepreneurship in rural and non-metro regions across States.
4. **WING:** As a part of DPIIT's program WING - a capacity development program for existing and aspiring women entrepreneurs
5. **District Outreach Initiative:** DPIIT is promoting entrepreneurship by striving to establish at least one DPIIT-recognized startup in every district of India.

Besides above initiatives Ministry of MSME also supports Entrepreneurship through various schemes some of the schemes are as under:

1. PMEGP: Credit-linked margin money subsidy of 15%–35% for new micro-enterprises in non-farm sector.
2. SRI Fund: ₹50,000 crore equity infusion to provide growth capital to eligible MSMEs.
3. CGTMSE: Collateral-free loans up to ₹10 crore with guarantee coverage up to 85%; guarantees.
