

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1639.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026.**

**REGISTERED STARTUPS**

**1639. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:**

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

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 44,000 startups registered with the Government in 2025;
- (b) whether it is also true that this was the highest annual spike since the launch of Startup in the country;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Startups in the country have grown to over 2,00,000 in the country;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that more than Rs. 25,000 crore has been invested through the Fund of Funds for startups that had been created; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**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 per eligibility conditions prescribed under G.S.R. notification 127 (E) dated 19th February 2019, entities are recognised as 'startups' under the Startup India initiative by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

In 2025, a total of 49,429 entities were recognized as startups, the highest during a year since the launch of the Startup India initiative.

**(c):** As on 31st December 2025, a total of 2,07,135 entities have been recognised as startups under the Startup India initiative by DPIIT.

**(d) & (e):** The Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) has been established to catalyze venture capital investments and is operationalized through 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 through equity and equity-linked instruments. As on 31st December 2025, supported AIFs under the Scheme have invested Rs. 25,547.98 crore in 1,371 selected startups.

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