

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5417**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 25.03.2026

**SMALL LANGUAGE MODELS**

**5417. SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:**

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

- (a) the details of the amount invested by the Government for the promotion of Small Language Models (SLMs) in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of startups supported by the Government for the development of SLMs along with the financial assistance provided to each company, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the list of SLM project being developed along with the key sectors being targeted; and
- (d) the timeline by which the supported startups aim to complete preliminary data training and initiate user applications?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): India's AI strategy is based on the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratize the use of technology. It aims to address India centric challenges, create economic and employment opportunities for all Indians.

**IndiaAI Mission:**

In 2024, Government launched IndiaAI Mission to establish a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem that aligns with the country's development goals.

India AI mission is driven by a vision to position India as a global leader in artificial intelligence by focusing on seven foundational pillars.

**Development of the India's Foundational Model**

Government is supporting twelve organisations and consortia to develop sovereign foundational model.

These include Sarvam AI, Soket AI, Gnani AI, Gan AI, Avatar AI, IIT Bombay Consortium (BharatGen), GenLoop, Zentieg, Intellihealth, Shodh AI, Fractal Analytics Ltd. and Tech Mahindra Maker's Lab.

Financial assistance is being provided in calibrated manner to cover compute usage costs. Sovereign models of Sarvam AI, BharatGen and Gnani were launched during the IndiaAI Impact Summit 2026. These models have shown strong performance on Indic language benchmarks, and in some cases perform better than leading frontier models on specific tasks

The resulting AI models are expected to contribute to the open-source ecosystem by making them available through AIKosh platform for other startups and researchers. This will fuel innovation across India’s startup and research community.

As part of the same, Sarvam and BharatGen models are now available on AIKosh platform for the developer community to develop AI based applications.

The details of selected organisations and support extended are placed at **Annexure I**

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**Annexure I**

**The details of Twelve selected Organizations selected under the IndiaAI Innovation Centre (Foundation Models) Pillar**

1. **Sarvam AI** - Developing an open source 120 billion parameter AI model to enhance governance and public service access through use cases like "2047: Citizen Connect" and "AI4Pragati".
2. **Soket AI** - Developing India's first open-source 120 billion parameter foundation model optimized for the country's linguistic diversity, targeting sectors such as defense, healthcare, and education.
3. **Gnani AI** - Building a 14 billion parameter Voice AI foundation model delivering multilingual, real-time speech processing with advanced reasoning capabilities.
4. **Gan AI** – Creating a 70 billion parameter multilingual foundation model targeting "Superhuman TTS(text-to-speech)" capabilities to surpass current global leaders.
5. **Avatar AI** – Creating specialized “AI Avatars” up to 70B parameters, optimized for Indian languages and domains such as agriculture, healthcare, and governance.
6. **IIT Bombay Consortium – Bharat Gen** – Developing multilingual and multimodal models ranging from 2B to 1T parameters, with an open-source approach to support applications in agriculture, finance, legal, health, and education.
7. **Fractal Analytics Ltd.** – Building India’s first large reasoning model of up to 70B parameters, designed for structured reasoning, STEM disciplines, and medical problem-solving.
8. **Tech Mahindra Maker’s Lab** – Designing an efficient 8B parameter model for Indic languages (with a focus on Hindi dialects), alongside an agentic AI platform, Orion, for government applications.
9. **Zenteiq** – Developing BrahmAI, a science-driven multimodal foundation model (8B–80B parameters) to advance engineering intelligence, scientific computing, and industrial innovation.
10. **GenLoop** – Creating small language models (2B parameters) – Yukti (Base), Varta (Instruction), and Kavach (Guard) – to support all 22 scheduled Indian languages with native reasoning and content moderation.
11. **Intellihealth** – Proposing a 20B parameter model for EEG signal analysis to enable early screening of neurological disorders and advance brain–computer interface research.
12. **Shodh AI** – Developing a 7B parameter model for material discovery, integrating AI into experimental workflows to accelerate innovation in material sciences.

**Support extended to the Organizations selected under the IndiaAI Innovation Centre (Foundation Models) Pillar**

S. No.	Name of Organization	Compute Support Worth (Cr)	Non-Compute Cost (Cr)	Total Cost (Cr)
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1	Sarvam	₹246.72	₹0.00	246.72
2	Gnani	₹177.27	₹0.00	177.27
3	Gan AI	₹88.02	₹22.01	110.03
4	Soket AI	₹162.47	₹14.61	177.08
5	Avataar AI	₹12.88	₹3.22	16.10
6	Bharatgen	₹990.92	₹67.60	1,058.52
7	Fractal	₹137.91	₹0.00	137.91
8	Tech Mahindra	₹2.66	₹0.00	2.66
9	Zenteiq	₹165.19	₹41.30	206.49
10	Genloop	₹2.09	₹0.52	2.61
11	Intellihealth	₹41.50	₹8.00	49.50
12	Shodh AI	₹7.52	₹1.88	9.40

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