

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 775
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

VERNACULAR INNOVATION CENTRES

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received for setting up of Vernacular innovation Centers (VICs) under the Language Inclusive Programme for Innovation (LIPI) along with the details of the number of such centres approved, rejected and under construction;**
- (b) the present status of establishment of VICs including the details of the number of centres operational and under implementation, State wise;**
- (c) the total funds allocated, released and utilized for the establishment and functioning of VICs since inception of LIPI, Year and State wise;**
- (d) the number of innovators, students, startups and first generation learners supported through VICs including the details of languages in which innovation, design thinking and mentorship modules are being delivered; and**
- (e) whether any third party evaluation has been conducted or is proposed to assess the effectiveness of VICs in improving access to the national innovation ecosystem and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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(a) & (b) The call for applications for setting up Vernacular Innovation Centres (VICs) under the Language Inclusive Programme of Innovation (LIPI) has not been launched yet. Hence, there are no centres as of now or under implementation.

(c) The total funds allocated for LIPI Centres is Rs. 90 Cr for 30 Centres. No grant has been released/utilized as the centres are not established yet.

(d) & (e) In view of the reply to (a) & (b) above, question does not arise.
