

States/Union-Territories	Number of Startups
Telangana	309
Tripura	1
Uttar Pradesh	421
Uttarakhand	50
West Bengal	188
TOTAL	5379

Promotion of entrepreneurship under 'Startup India' Scheme

3699. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote social entrepreneurship under 'Startup India' Scheme by encouraging entrepreneurs/investors to cater to demands of the rural market place by capitalizing on the increased mobile proliferation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) A number of steps have been taken by Government under the 'Startup India' initiative for encouraging all entrepreneurs, including social entrepreneurs and investors. The details of the progress made under the initiative are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement-I/ Appended to the Answer to USQ No. 3698 (part a)].

**Concessions for industries in backward districts of
Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

3700. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given several tax breaks exemptions and concessions for the industries established in the notified backward districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to promote industrialisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total value of tax exemptions/concessions availed by the industries from these backward districts in the two States during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) The primary responsibility