

- BIRAC's SEED Fund with 14 Bio-incubators as Seed fund partners are operational. INR 26 crore has been sanctioned for BIRAC SEED Fund; ₹ 18.3 crore has been disbursed.

19. Innovation Focused Programs for Students

- This initiative is coordinated by Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- 224 applications have been received Under NIDHI (National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations). Out of 30 finalists selected, 12 student run teams have been awarded ₹ 10 Lakh each. 148 projects have been sanctioned and ₹ 220.75 crore has been released under the Uchcharat Avishkar Yojana scheme. ₹ 10,000 has been granted to 1,03,497 students in the last three years under the MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and knowledge) Scheme.

Employing of local population by industries

1335. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to make it mandatory for industries to employ the local population trained at Skill Development Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):

(a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agarbatti industry

1336. SHRI AHMED PATEL:

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that large-scale import of the Chinese agarbatti has endangered Indian agarbatti industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take to save the Indian agarbatti industry?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):

(a) to (c) Imports of agarbatti are largely coming from Vietnam. Out of total 1,04,097 metric ton (MT) of imports of agarbatti, imports from Vietnam was around 98,000 MT in 2018-19. By Notification dated 31.08.2019, import of agarbatti has been amended from free to restricted with immediate effect.

National industrial corridor development and implementation trust

†1337. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust has been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of projects that have been evaluated; and

(d) the number of sanctioned, approved and completed projects?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):

(a) and (b) Consequent upon the approval of Government of India on 7.12.2016, National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) has been constituted on 22.12.2016. Government of India had approved constitution of a Board of Trustees of NICDIT with the following composition:—

(1) Secretary, DPIIT	:	Chairperson
(2) Secretary, Department of Expenditure	:	Member
(3) Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs	:	Member
(4) Secretary, Road Transport and Highways	:	Member
(5) Secretary, Shipping	:	Member

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.