

Demand to initiate Entrepreneurship Leave Programmes for Government Employees

SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW (Odisha): Respected Chairman, Sir, the focused efforts of hon. Prime Minister, Shri Modi ji, have made the Indian startup ecosystem as the third largest in the world. More than 41,000 start-ups have been recognized by DPIIT and these have created more than 4.7 lakh job opportunities. Sir, this is a huge achievement by every measure and deserves acknowledgement and appreciation.

Many young people are entering Government jobs. Some of them have entrepreneurial energy. Such young employees are willing to take risks. Unfortunately, service rules do not allow entrepreneurship.

In this context, Sir, I humbly put forth a proposal of 'Entrepreneur Leave' for Government employees who are willing to take a break from their regular jobs and pursue an entrepreneurial idea. Individuals with a safety net are capable and willing of taking bigger risks. Countries like Canada, Sweden, Qatar are successfully running such "Entrepreneurship Leave Programmes", where employees willing to become full time entrepreneurs are given leave for up to three years.

Mechanisms of checks and balances can be put in place to maintain transparency and fair play. Such startups may also get some initial seed fund and hand-holding. In return, the parent organization of the employee may hold some equity in the startup. This will also give boost to revenue generation within Government. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

Demand for dedicated Doordarshan Channel for broadcast in Chhattisgarhi language

श्रीमती फूलो देवी नेतम (छत्तीसगढ़) : महोदय, छत्तीसगढ़ को पृथक राज्य बने 20 साल हो चुके हैं। इस दौरान छत्तीसगढ़ी भाषा के विकास को लेकर कोई ठोस कदम नहीं उठाया गया। विभिन्न राज्यों में स्थानीय भाषाओं में प्रसारण हेतु दूरदर्शन के अलग-अलग चैनल्स हैं, जिनमें वहाँ की स्थानीय भाषा में प्रसारण किया जाता है, लेकिन छत्तीसगढ़ में दूरदर्शन द्वारा ऐसा चैनल नहीं चलाया जा रहा है, जिसमें केवल छत्तीसगढ़ी भाषा में प्रसारण हो, जबकि निजी क्षेत्र के क्षेत्रीय चैनल्स पर छत्तीसगढ़ी भाषा में प्रसारण किया जा रहा है।

महोदय, छत्तीसगढ़ में एक ऐसे चैनल की आवश्यकता है, जो यहाँ की कला और संस्कृति को सहेजने के साथ-साथ कलाकारों के हितों को भी संरक्षित करे। छत्तीसगढ़ में दूरदर्शन इस आवश्यकता को पूर्ण करने में सक्षम है।