

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE  
RAJYA SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 145.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021.**

**FUNDING OF STARTUPS AT SEED STAGE**

**145. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Startups funded at the seed stage during the last five years;
- (b) the details of allocation of funds, year-wise;
- (c) the details of progress and current financial viability of these Startups; and
- (d) the number of Startups funded at the seed stage in the year 2021-22?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (d):** A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 FOR ANSWER ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2021.

(a): Recognizing the need for capital in early stages of growth of a Startup, Government of India is providing financial assistance through its various schemes being implemented by different Departments at the seed stage for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry and commercialization with a corpus of more than Rs. 3000 crore. In last five years, 1,862 startups were provided financial assistance at seed stage by the Departments breakup of which is at **Annexure-I**.

(b): Year-wise allocation of funds at seed stage in the last five years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Financial Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Amount	35.09	58.36	69.82	164.6	89.96	417.83

Department-wise breakup is at **Annexure-II**.

(c): Startups funded at seed stage are at different stages of follow-on fund raising. There is no centralized compilation of such information.

(d): Financial assistance at the seed stage is provided to 459 startups in the year 2021-22, so far.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA  
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**Number of Startups Funded at Seed Stage in last 5 Years**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Ministry/ Department</b>	<b>Number of Startups</b>
1	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)- Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)	110
2	Department of Biotechnology- Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development, Launching Entrepreneurship Driven Affordable Products, Biotechnology Innovation Fund-Accelerating Entrepreneurs Biotechnology Ignition Grant	402
3	Department of Science and Technology Technology Business Incubators (TBI)	354
4	National Research Development Cooperation Seed Fund (NRDC)	1
5	Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR)	346
6	Ministry of Defence Scheme for Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)- Support for Prototype and Research Kickstart (SPARK)	60
7	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Technology Incubation Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE) Scheme Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS)	589
	<b>Total Startups Supported</b>	<b>1862</b>

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA  
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**Department-wise details of Allocation of Funds Year-wise**

<b>Ministry/ Department</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>	<b>Total</b>
DPIIT (SISFS)	<i>Scheme effective from 1st April 2021</i>					
Department of Biotechnology	23	25	39	62.5	22	171.5
Department of Science and Technology (TBIs)	12.09	29.51	27.09	34.36	38.9	141.95
Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (RKVY-RAFTAAR)				46.93	17.26	64.19
Ministry of Defence (iDEX)			3.23	7.06		10.29
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (TIDE and NGIS)		3.85	0.5	13.75	11.8	29.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.09</b>	<b>58.36</b>	<b>69.82</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>89.96</b>	<b>417.83</b>
<i>Rs. in crore</i>						

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