

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1893**  
ANSWERED ON 16/03/2023

**START-UP AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM**

1893. SHRI B. PARTHASARADHI REDDY:

Will the Minister of Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the purpose of Technology Business Incubators (TBI) and Science & Technology Entrepreneur's Parks (STEP) under the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) programme;
- (b) the number of TBIs and STEPs in the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the projects being undertaken at the Centre of Excellence in Hyderabad, Telangana, for the promotion of start-ups in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF  
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Department of Science and Technology has supported establishment of Technology Business Incubator (TBI) primarily in and around academic, technical and management institutions to tap innovations and technologies for startup creation. The TBI promote new technology/knowledge/innovation based startups, provide a platform for speedy commercialization of technologies, provide cost effective; value added services to startups like mentoring, legal, financial, technical, intellectual property related services and tries to build a vibrant startup ecosystem. DST supported setting up of Science & Technology Entrepreneur's Parks (STEP) till year 2000 post which TBI program was conceived. During 2016, DST launched NIDHI (National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations) programme. NIDHI program has helped in creating state-of-the art infrastructure for incubating startups in technology sectors through Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) and Centres of Excellence (CoE). The List of TBIs, STEPs, NIDHI TBIs, NIDHI Inclusive TBI and NIDHI CoE, state wise is attached at Annexure I.

(c) DST has supported setting up of NIDHI Centre of Excellence at T-Hub Hyderabad. The objective of supporting CoE at T-Hub is to create state-of-art centre to support startups in domain of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML). The centre has identified 15 innovative ventures to be part of its first cohort. The centre has Mentor pool of Mentors from investors, corporates and various other fields related to AI/ML. The programs at the centre are aligned with national priorities & goals and are focused to build an innovation driven entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country.

**DST supported Startup Incubation Centres**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>TBI/STEP/NIDHI TBI/CoE/Reasearh Park/NIDHI iTBI (Nos.)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	8
2	Bihar	1
3	Chhattisgarh	1
4	Delhi	8
5	Goa	3
6	Gujarat	18
7	Haryana	1
8	Himachal Pradesh	2
9	Jammu & Kashmir	3
10	Jharkhand	1
11	Karnataka	17
12	Kerala	8
13	Madhya Pradesh	3
14	Maharashtra	16
15	Mizoram	1
16	Odisha	4
17	Punjab	9
18	Rajasthan	4
19	Tamil Nadu	26
20	Telangana	12
21	Uttar Pradesh	6
22	Uttarakhand	3
23	West Bengal	5

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