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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2916.
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 20TH DECEMBER, 2024.**

STARTUP INDIA SEED FUND SCHEME

2916. Shri Sandeep Kumar Pathak:

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

- (a) the list of incubators started under Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS);
- (b) the total number of start-ups that applied for seed funding in the last three years and total amount sought year-wise;
- (c) the total number of start-ups that received seed funding in the last three years and total amount of seed funding provided, year-wise;
- (d) the funds released by Government to the States in the last three years and the funds utilised by them year-wise; and
- (e) the minimum, maximum and average start-up fund provided under this scheme, year-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

(a) to (d): The Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) provides financial assistance to startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry and commercialization through eligible incubators.

As per provisions under the SISFS, the Experts Advisory Committee (EAC) evaluates and selects incubators for allocation of funds under the Scheme. The approved incubators shortlist the startups in accordance with the guidelines of the Scheme. The Scheme has been operationalized from 1st April 2021.

As on 31st October 2024, 213 incubators have been selected under the Scheme with a total approved funding of Rs. 902.74 crore. The list of selected incubators is available on DPIIT's website under the link-

https://dpiit.gov.in/sites/default/files/RS_UQ_2916_19December2024.pdf

The approved incubators under the Scheme have selected 2,490 startups for a total approved funding of Rs 454.04 crore as on 31st October 2024. In the last three years viz. 2021, 2022 and 2023, 145, 565 and 1000 startups have been selected by approved incubators, with approved funding of approximately Rs. 20 crore, Rs. 100 crore and Rs. 185 crore respectively.

Under the Startup India initiative, direct financial assistance is not provided to States/Union Territories (UTs).

- (e): Under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), financial assistance to eligible startups is provided through selected incubators. The Experts Advisory Committee (EAC) of SISFS, evaluates and selects incubators for allocation of funds. Each selected incubator under the Scheme constitutes an Incubator Seed Management Committee (ISMC), that evaluates and selects startups for seed support. ISMC determines the quantum and kind of funding (in accordance with the guidelines of SISFS) to eligible startups.

Under the Scheme, seed fund is disbursed to an eligible startup by the approved incubator (through ISMC) in the following manner:

- i. Up to Rs. 20 lakh as grant for validation of Proof of Concept, or prototype development, or product trials.
- ii. Up to Rs. 50 lakh of investment for market entry, commercialization, or scaling up through convertible debentures or debt or debt-linked instruments.
