

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up entrepreneur centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives of such centres;
- (c) the progress made in this regard, so far; and
- (d) the amount likely to be sanctioned for these centres by the Government?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (d): Recognizing the key role of entrepreneurship development in growth of industries, the Government of India has established / supported several institutions for entrepreneurship development.

There are 3 national level autonomous training institutes under the Ministry of Small Scale Industries which provide training for entrepreneurship development, viz., The Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), at Guwahati, National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (NISIET), at Hyderabad and the National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Board (NIESBUD), at Noida.

Under the Entrepreneurship Development Institutions (EDIs) Scheme, being implemented by the Ministry of Small Scale

Industries, financial assistance is provided to strengthen the infrastructure of existing EDIs and also for setting up new institutes. One time capital grant of upto Rs. 1 crore is provided by the Central Government to the institutes for building, equipment, training aids, etc. The remaining amount, in the form of matching contribution, is provided by the State Government concerned or a public sector financial institution. Financial assistance of Rs. 13.94 crore has been provided to 22 state level EDIs so far. Ministry of Small Scale Industries has provided Rs. 2 crore for the EDI scheme in their Budget Estimates for the year 2005-2006.