

Reply to Parliament Question No 7058 for 28.03.2025 for Rajya Sabha regarding “Central Assistance for setting up of Startups” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): State-wise list of starts-up being set up in the country for last three years;

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[As per directive of MoPNG, NRL operates a startup support program named NRL IDEATION, through which startups are supported through a mix of grant and equity funding. Under this program, NRL has a corpus of Rs. 50 crores – Rs. 20 Crores for Grant Funding and Rs. 30 Crores for Equity funding. NRL’s startup support program, IDEATION, aims to foster innovation and entrepreneurship by empowering startups from diverse sectors in the Northeast region. Since commencement of the program in 2017, NRL has so far supported 65 startups from the Northeast region.

During the last three years, NRL has supported 41 startups with grant funding of Rs. 9.58 crores and 4 startups with equity funding of Rs. 14.30 crore. The State-wise list of starts-up supported by NRL IDEATION during the last three years are as follows:

A. Grant Funding:

Sl.	State	No. of Startups Supported	Fund commitment (Rs. Lakh)
1	Assam	33	813
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2	10
3	Manipur	1	50
4	Meghalaya	1	10
5	Nagaland	2	35
6	Sikkim	1	15
7	Tripura	1	25
8	Total	41	958

B. Equity Funding:

Sl.	State	No. of Startups Supported	Fund commitment (Rs. Lakh)
1	Assam	4	1430

In addition to grant and equity funding, NRL’s startup support program, IDEATION, also organizes startup meets, investor meets, hackathons, bootcamps, and acceleration programs. These initiatives help startups develop market linkages, connect with investors, and gain mentorship

through incubation centers, strengthening the overall ecosystem in the Northeast region.]

Q no. (b): **the assistance provided by the central government in setting up start-ups in the country; and**

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[The assistance provided by NRL iDEATION is replied in (a) above.]

Q no. (c): **the state-wise data on employment generated through starts-up in the country for the last three years?**

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[NRL's flagship startup support program – 'NRL iDEATION', since its inception in 2017, has financially supported 65 startups from the northeast region through grants (INR 15 crore) and equity investment (INR 14 crore). These startup entrepreneurs have in turn generated approximately 1000+ direct employment.]

Note for Supplementary:

Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is a Public Sector Enterprise with a 3.0 MMTPA petroleum refinery at Numaligarh in Golaghat district of Assam. Present shareholding pattern of NRL is Oil India Limited (OIL) – 69.63%, Govt. of Assam (GoA) – 26% and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) – 4.37%.
