

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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Government Initiatives to involve States in Startup India Initiative

1. States' Conference, 23rd July 2016 – A collaborative effort between the Centre and the State Governments for initiating a dialogue process. The aim of the conference was to provide a platform to all the States to discuss the progress made and their good practices on the action points of Startup India initiative.
2. 15 States have formulated Startup Policies since October'14, of these, 11 states formulated their policies after the launch of the Startup India initiative.
3. DIPP provided facilitation support to Odisha and participated in key state Startup events like Vibrant Gujarat, Make in Karnataka, Startup Rajasthan, and India-Portugal Startup Summit among others.
4. Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) has issued an advisory to all the states for compliance regime based on self-certification under 6 labour laws on 12.01.2016. 12 States/UT have confirmed to allow start-ups to self-certify compliance for a period of 3 years in respect of 6 labour laws.
5. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has issued advisory to states to allow startups to self-certify compliance for a period of 1 year with the Apprenticeship Rules, 1992 of Apprenticeship Act, 1961.
6. States have been requested to issue a notification similar to the circular issued by Department of Expenditure to Central Ministries/ Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) to relax condition of prior turnover and prior experience in public procurement for all Startups [whether Micro & Small enterprises or otherwise] subject to meeting of quality and technical specifications.
7. DIPP has written to all the States seeking their interest in translation of a free online learning course introduced by Startup India to State's regional language. It is a 4-week free online program for early stage entrepreneurs across the country aimed at teaching entrepreneurs on how to start a new business and how to scale an existing one.
