

National Startup Advisory Council

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The Central Government has notified the structure of the National Startup Advisory Council to advise the Government on measures needed **to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country to drive sustainable economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities.**

Functions of the council

- The Council will suggest measures to foster a culture of innovation amongst citizens and students in particular, **promote innovation in all sectors of economy across the country, including semi-urban and rural areas, support creative and innovative ideas through incubation and research and development** to transform them into valuable products, processes or solutions to improve productivity and efficiency and create an environment of absorption of innovation in industry.
- The council will **also suggest measures to facilitate public organizations to assimilate innovation with a view to improving public service delivery, promote creation, protection, and commercialization of intellectual property rights**, make it easier to start, operate, grow and exit businesses by reducing regulatory compliances and costs, promote ease of access to capital for startups, incentivize domestic capital for investments into startups, **mobilize global capital for investments in Indian startups, keep control of startups with original promoters and provide access to global markets for Indian startups.**

Composition and Term of the Council

- **Chair:** The National Startup Advisory Council will be chaired by Minister for Commerce & Industry
- **Members:** The Council will consist of the non-official members, to be nominated by the Central Government, from various categories like founders of successful startups, veterans who have grown and scaled companies in India, persons capable of representing the interests of investors into startups, persons capable of representing the interests of incubators and accelerators and representatives of associations of stakeholders of startups and representatives of industry associations.
- The nominees of the concerned Ministries/Departments/Organisations, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, will be ex-officio members of the Council. Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will be the Convener of the Council.
- **Term:** The term of the non-official members of the Startup Advisory Council will be for a period of **two years**.