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Title : NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY - Fundraising for start-ups still a challenge, says EDI study

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The central government might have created a new ministry of entrepreneurship so as to have more number of entrepreneurs and businessmen, but fundraising for Indian start-ups remains one of the biggest challenges.

A study conducted by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) on hitech entrepreneurs has found that over 78% respondents found it difficult to raise finances at the ideation stage. As many as 32% respondents went for self-funding, followed by loans from family and friends.

Nearly 63% respondents saw no role of state governments in launching their ventures. However, provision of basic infrastructure and grant from MSME ministry were seen as positive contributions. As high as 88% entrepreneurs felt that banking system should be revamped to facilitate businesses and industries and skillbased enterprises.

The study will be released by Union minister for science and technology Harsh Vardhan on the occasion of National Technology Day on Monday .Conducted across 14 states, the study covered 130 DST supported and 35 non-DST supported hi-tech entrepreneurs, besides 25 other stakeholders from support system.

The study also attempted to find the key sources of ideas pursued by the respondents. About 24.85% respondents said either they had fascination for a particular technology like robotics or wanted to solve some wider problem faced by society .The next source of idea was the study of market and identifying the market gaps.