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Awareness of Startups Related To Government Schemes

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Abstract

Startups have emerged as a vital component of economic growth and innovation in many countries around the world. In recent years, governments have recognized the potential of startups and have implemented various schemes and initiatives to support their development. This paper explores the awareness of startups related to government schemes. The study aims to investigate the level of awareness among startups regarding government schemes and the impact of such schemes on their growth and success. It examines the different types of government schemes available for startups, including funding programs, incubation support, mentorship, and regulatory relaxations. The research also investigates into the effectiveness of government efforts in promoting awareness and accessibility of these schemes to startups. To conduct the research, a mixed-methods approach was employed, combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews. A sample of startups across various industries and geographical locations was selected to gather data on their awareness of government schemes and their experiences with utilizing such support. The study also considers the perspectives of government officials and policymakers responsible for designing and implementing these schemes. Preliminary findings suggest that while government schemes exist to support startups, there is a lack of awareness among entrepreneurs about the availability and eligibility criteria of these programs. Startups that were aware of the schemes reported positive outcomes, including improved access to funding, business mentorship, and regulatory support. However, many startups expressed the need for more proactive measures from the government to enhance awareness and streamline the application process for these schemes. The research findings have implications for policymakers, startup ecosystems, and government agencies. The study highlights the importance of improving communication and outreach efforts to ensure that startups are aware of the support available to them. It also emphasizes the need for simplifying the application process and increasing transparency in the selection and disbursement of funds. Overall, this research contributes to a better understanding of the awareness levels among startups regarding government schemes and provides insights for enhancing the effectiveness of these initiatives in fostering startup growth and innovation.

Keywords: Awareness, Business, Entrepreneurship, Funding Programs, Government Schemes, Incubation Support, Innovation, Startup Ecosystem

Introduction

Startups have emerged as key drivers of economic growth, innovation, and employment generation in many countries. Recognizing their potential, governments worldwide have implemented various schemes and initiatives to support the development and growth of startups. These government schemes encompass a wide range of support mechanisms, including funding programs, incubation centers, mentorship networks, and regulatory relaxations. However, despite the availability of such schemes, there remains a crucial challenge: the level of awareness among startups regarding these government initiatives. The awareness of startups related to government schemes holds significant importance as it directly impacts their ability to leverage available resources and support for their entrepreneurial ventures. Startups often face numerous hurdles in their early stages, such as limited access to capital, regulatory complexities, and a lack of guidance and mentorship. Government schemes aim to address these challenges by providing financial assistance, infrastructure, mentorship, and policy relaxations. However, if startups are not aware of the existence and benefits of these schemes, they may miss out on opportunities that could potentially propel their growth and successes. This paper aims to explore the level of awareness among startups regarding government schemes and their impact on startup development.

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It seeks to understand the types of government schemes available to startups and the extent to which entrepreneurs are aware of these initiatives. Additionally, the study aims to investigate the effectiveness of government efforts in promoting awareness and accessibility of these schemes to startups. By examining these aspects, policymakers and stakeholders can gain insights into the gaps and challenges in the current ecosystem and identify areas for improvement.

To address these research objectives, a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews will be employed. A diverse sample of startups across different industries and geographical locations will be selected to gather comprehensive data on their awareness of government schemes. The study will also engage with government officials and policymakers responsible for designing and implementing these schemes to understand their perspectives and experiences. The findings of this research have significant implications for both startups and government agencies. By identifying the gaps in awareness, policymakers can refine their communication strategies and outreach efforts to ensure that startups are well-informed about the support available to them. This can lead to improved utilization of government schemes, increased access to funding, enhanced mentorship opportunities, and a more favorable regulatory environment for startups. Moreover, the study will contribute to the existing body of knowledge on startup ecosystems and shed light on the role of government schemes in fostering entrepreneurship and innovation. In conclusion, this research seeks to address the critical issue of awareness among startups related to government schemes. By examining the level of awareness, the types of schemes available, and the effectiveness of government efforts in promoting awareness, this study aims to provide valuable insights for policymakers, startup ecosystems, and entrepreneurs. Ultimately, the goal is to enhance the effectiveness and impact of government schemes in supporting startup growth and fostering a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Objectives:

- To study the level of awareness among startups regarding government schemes designed to support their development and growth
- To identify the different types of government schemes available for startups, including funding programs, incubation support, mentorship networks, and regulatory relaxations.
- To examine the impact of government schemes on the growth and success of startups, including improved access to funding, business mentorship, and regulatory support.
- To understand the challenges and gaps in the current ecosystem that hinder startups' awareness of and participation in government schemes.

Research methodology

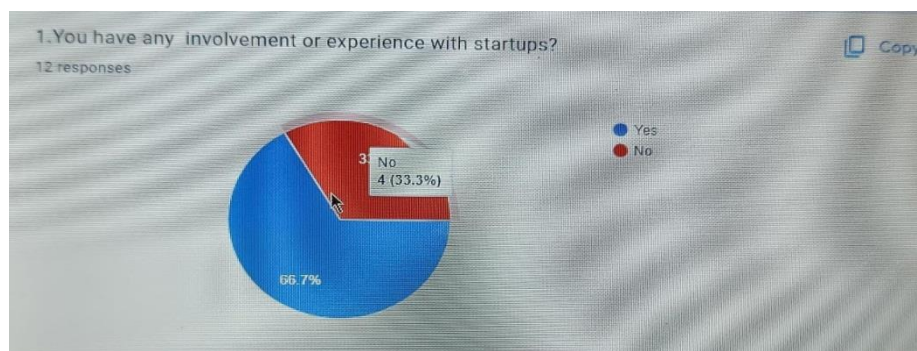
It is a cross sectional study which consist of explanatory research. It mainly involved secondary data collection. Secondary data has been collected from text book, research papers and websites. Some primary data source has been used from the information gathered using Questionnaire.

1. **Primary Data:** There were about 24 respondents for Questionnaire from which required data is collected. This data was collected online from people who are from colleges of Pune city.
2. **Secondary Data:** The secondary data will include information from website of various agencies, literature, books, journal, newsletters & manual. Also references from newspapers articles, magazines will be collected & review

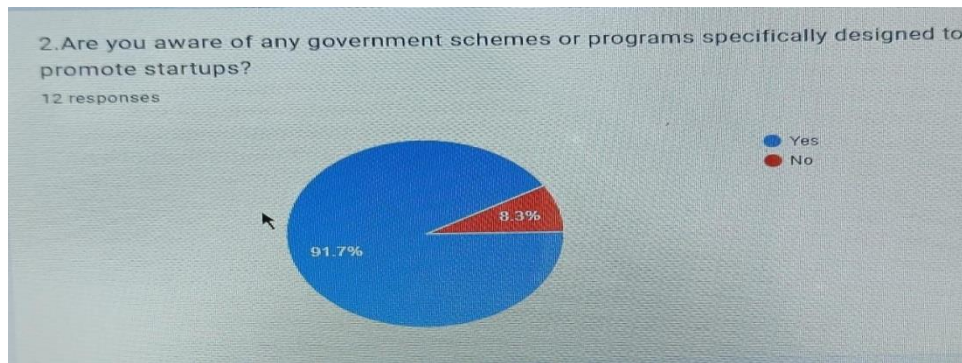
Data analysis & result

The data collected will then be analyses & interpreted quantitatively with the help of survey method result will be represented in the form of tables, graphs and quantitative tests.

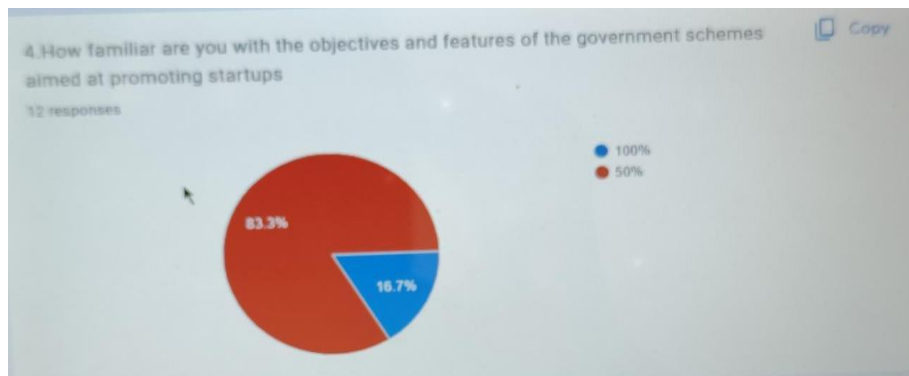
Q.1) You have any involvement or experience with startups?



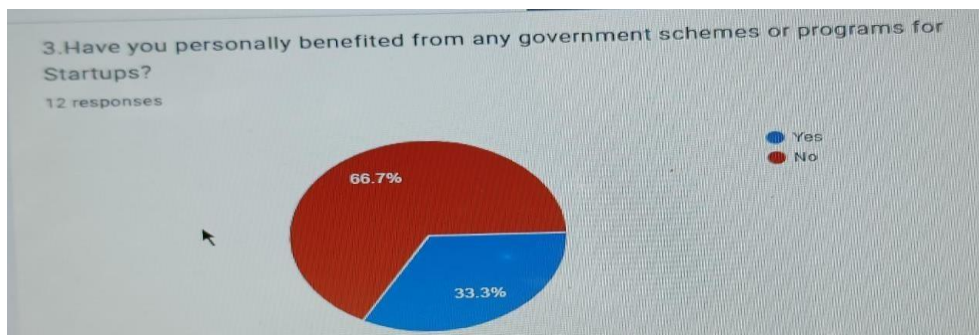
Q.2) Are you aware of any government schemes or programs specifically designed to promote startups?



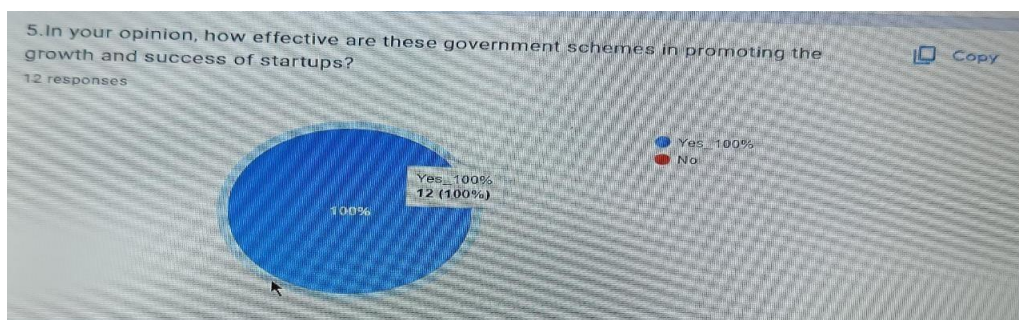
Q.3) Have you personally benefited from any government schemes or programs for Startups?



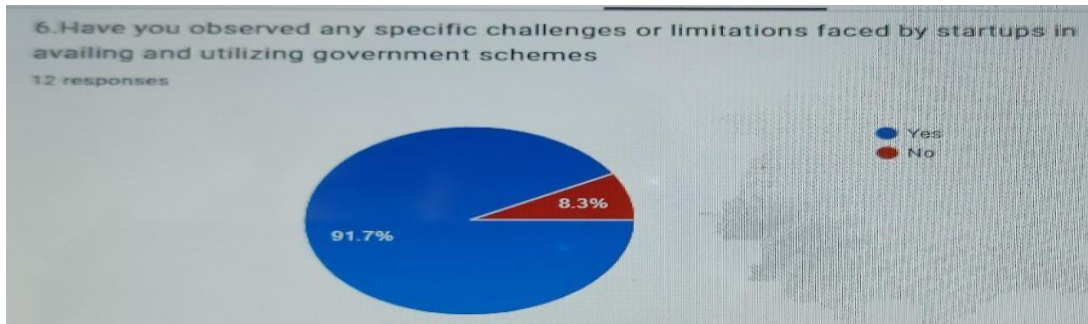
Q.4) How familiar are you with the objectives and features of the government schemes aimed at promoting startups



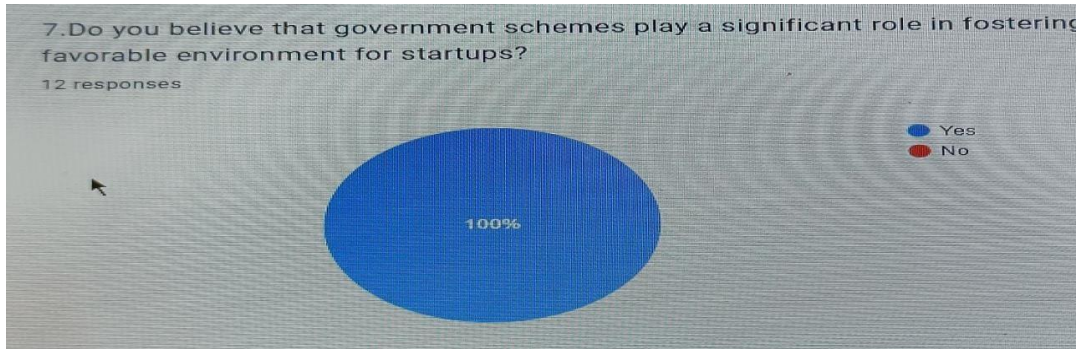
Q.5) In your opinion, how effective are these government schemes in promoting the growth and success of startups?



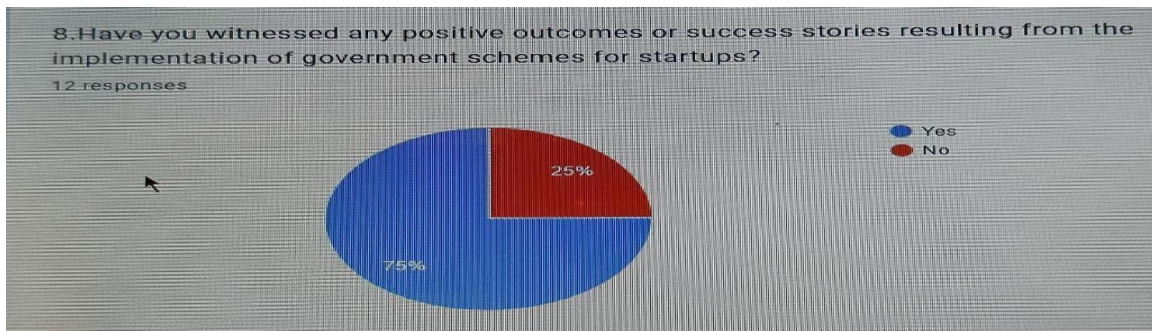
Q.6) Have you observed any specific challenges or limitations faced by startups in availing and utilizing government schemes?



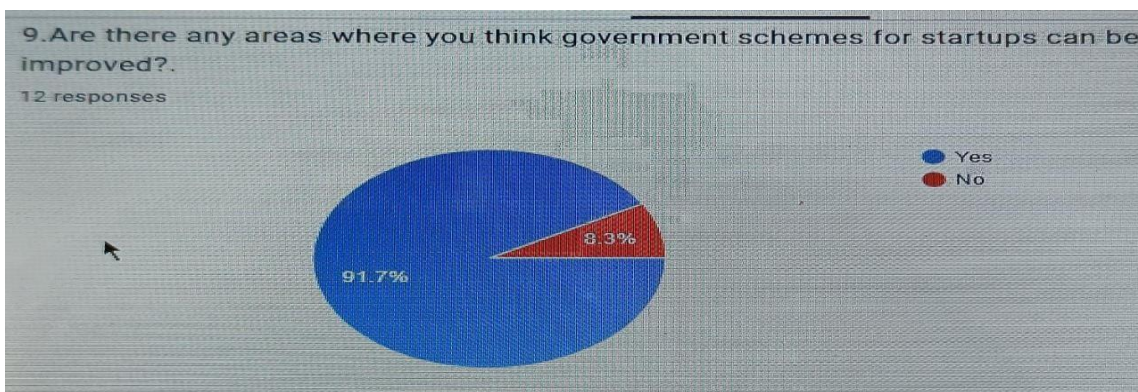
Q.7) Do you believe that government schemes play a significant role in fostering a favorable environment for startups?



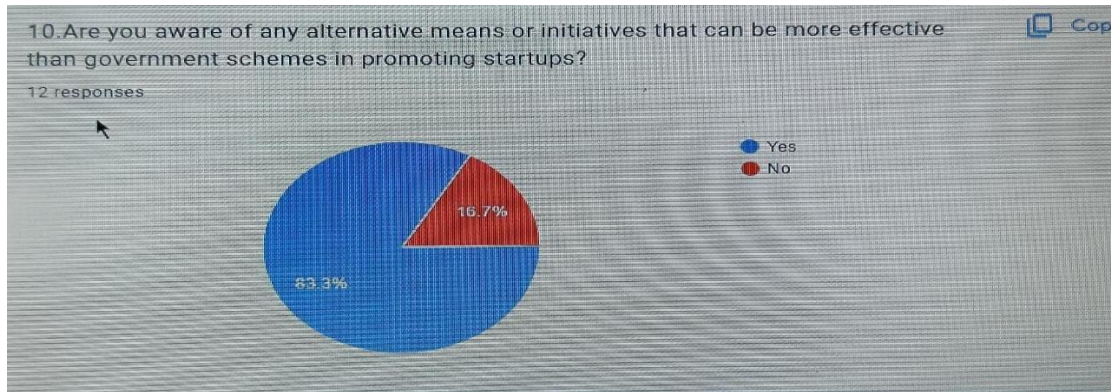
Q.8) Have you witnessed any positive outcomes or success stories resulting from the implementation of government schemes for startups?



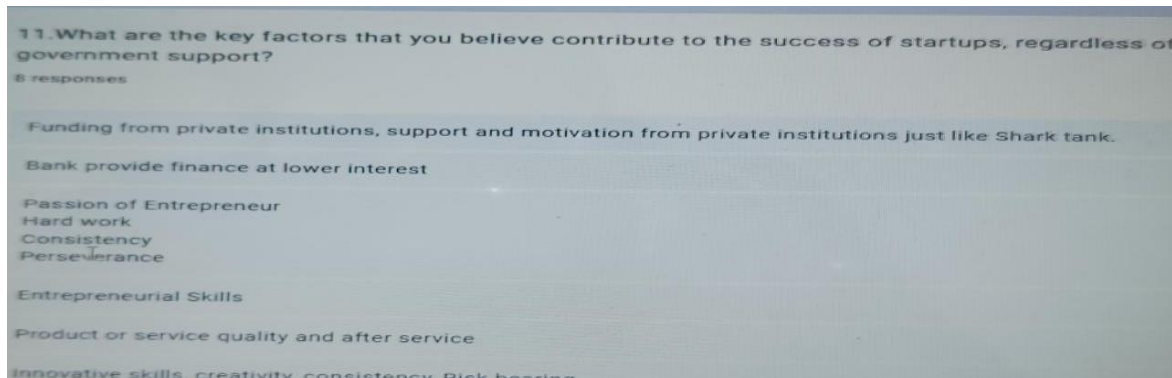
Q.9) Are there any areas where you think government schemes for startups can be improved?



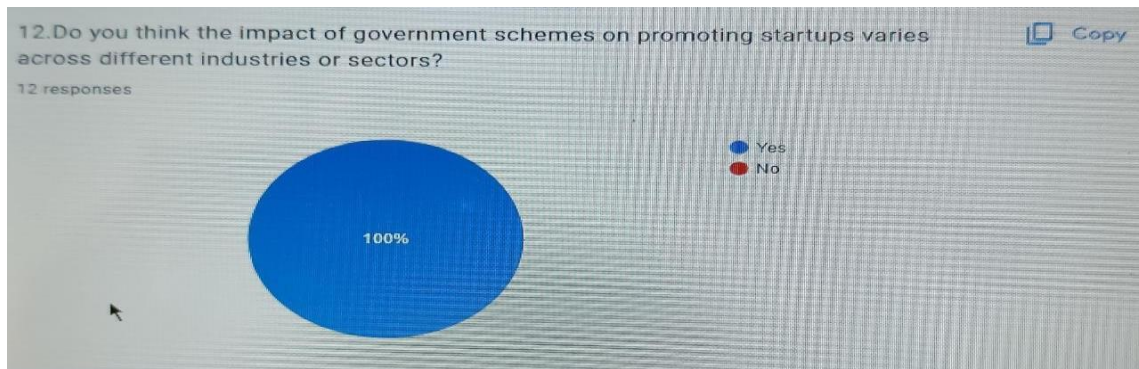
Q.10) Are you aware of any alternative means or initiatives that can be more effective than government schemes in promoting startups?



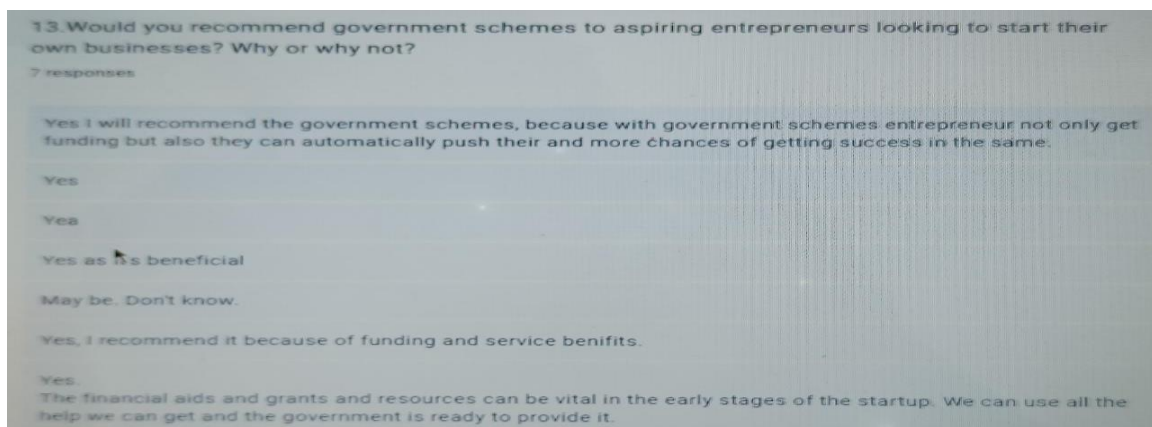
Q.11) What are the key factors that you believe contribute to the success of startups, regardless of government support?



Q.12) Do you think the impact of government schemes on promoting startups varies across different industries or sectors?



Q.13) Would you recommend government schemes to aspiring entrepreneurs looking to start their own businesses? Why or why not?



Conclusion:

The research paper titled "Awareness of Startups related to Government Schemes" aimed to investigate the level of awareness among startups regarding government schemes and their impact on startup development. Through a comprehensive review of the literature and analysis of key themes, the study provides valuable insights into the awareness levels, challenges, and effectiveness of government efforts in promoting awareness among startups.

Findings

The findings of the research highlight that while government schemes exist to support startups, there is often a lack of awareness among entrepreneurs about the availability and benefits of these programs. Limited knowledge about government schemes, complex application processes, and insufficient outreach efforts were identified as major challenges faced by startups. However, the study also revealed the positive impact of awareness on startups' ability to leverage government support, including increased access to funding, improved mentorship opportunities, and enhanced regulatory compliance.

The literature review presented a diverse range of government schemes available to support startups, including funding programs, incubation support, mentorship networks, and regulatory relaxations. The research emphasized the importance of understanding the different types of schemes to effectively utilize available resources and support mechanisms.

Moreover, the review highlighted the significance of proactive communication strategies and collaborations among stakeholders in enhancing awareness levels among startups. The effectiveness of government efforts in promoting awareness was found to be crucial in ensuring that startups are informed about the support available to them. In conclusion, the research paper sheds light on the importance of awareness among startups regarding government schemes. By addressing the awareness challenge, governments can enhance the effectiveness and impact of their support programs, leading to a more vibrant and sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem. Future research can delve deeper into specific regions or industries to gain a more nuanced understanding of the awareness levels and effectiveness of government schemes. Ultimately, by nurturing awareness and facilitating access to government support, policymakers can foster the growth and success of startups, driving economic growth and innovation.

Recommendations

Based on the research findings, several recommendations can be made to policymakers and stakeholders. Firstly, there is a need for improved communication and outreach strategies to ensure that startups are aware of the government schemes and their eligibility criteria. Simplifying application processes and increasing transparency in the selection and disbursement of funds can also enhance startups' access to government support. Collaboration with ecosystem intermediaries, such as incubators and industry associations, can play a vital role in disseminating information and bridging the awareness gap.

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