

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Bihar	—	1	—
4.	Delhi	1	—	—
5.	Gujarat	1	—	—
6.	Haryana	2	—	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	—	1.
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	—	—
9.	Karnataka	8	8	3
10.	Kerala	6	—	—
11.	Madhya Pradesh	4	—	—
12.	Maharashtra	10	—	—
13.	Mizoram	8	—	—
14.	Sikkim	2	—	—
15.	Tamil Nadu	1	—	—
16.	West Bengal	1	—	—
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[English]

Phase out of CFC

2363. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government to phase out the sustained release of Chloro-Fluorocarbons (CFCs) from refrigerators and airconditioners; and

(b) the progress Government made in their plan to set up a centre to identify and promote the adoption of clear technologies, particularly with reference to energy and industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) To comply with the Montreal Protocol, a country programme has been prepared. Steps have been taken to phase out Chloro-Fluorocarbons (CFCs) from refrigerators and air-conditioners by funding projects through the Multilateral Fund created under the Montreal Protocol, and by providing technical assistance and fiscal incentives to these industries.

(b) National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC) has been established in Delhi. Programmes related to adoption of clean technologies in industries are being coordinated by this centre with the objective of reducing energy requirement and other inputs of raw materials.

Setting up of District Science Centres

2364. SHRI BASWARAJ PATIL SEDAM : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be please to state :

(a) the objects and reasons behind setting up of District Science Centres;

(b) whether steps have been taken for their moderanisation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) the number of such centres, State-wise and the monitoring system set up to supervise them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) The District Science Centres were set up by National Council of Science Museums primarily with the objective of popularising Science & Technology in urban and rural areas for the benefit of students and others with a view to developing scientific temper among the people as also to foster a spirit of scientific enquiry and creativity among the students.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Modernisation of these centres has been taken up through measures such as display of interactive exhibits and participatory activities; making the science communication process more visitor-friendly with the application of appropriate software; and introducing contemporary and modern scientific ideas in educational programmes and community awareness programmes.

(e) National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has set up 8 District Science Centres so far at Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu), Purulia (West Bengal), Dharampur (Gujarat), Gulbarga (Karnataka), Bardhman (West Bengal), Dhenkanal (Orissa), Digha (West Bengal) and Science Park, Kapilesh (Orissa).

The monitoring of these centres is done by Local Advisory Committees and Regional Sub Centres of NCSM at Visveswaraiya Industrial & Technology Museum, Bangalore, Birla Industrial & Technology Museum Calcutta and National Science Centre, New Delhi.

[Translation]

Foreign Investment In Road Sector

2365. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to allow cent-percent foreign investment in road sector; and

(b) if so, the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is at conceptual stage and hence no further details can be given.