

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2733  
ANSWERED ON 07/08/2024**

**International Collaboration Projects in Science and Technology**

**2733. SHRI K. E. PRAKASH:**

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of international collaboration projects in the field of Science and Technology which are currently underway in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to enhance international collaboration in Tamil Nadu; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

**विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)**

**(a) A large number of researchers who are working in institutions located in the State of Tamil Nadu have been supported under bilateral and multilateral cooperation programmes of the Ministry. In the last three years (2021-23), the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has supported 21 projects with an investment of about ₹5.38 crore to researchers working in different R&D organizations in Tamil Nadu. These projects cover diverse areas of S&T such as Cosmology, Photonics, Lithium metal batteries, Material Science, Wildlife Biology, Viral proteins, Micro-Plastics etc. Currently, seven international projects of Department of Biotechnology are under implementation at various stages in Tamil Nadu.**

**(b) to (c): The Ministry makes serious efforts to promote and enhance international cooperation through its departments, autonomous institutes and national laboratories located across India including in Tamil Nadu. The international programmes include joint R&D projects, seminars, fellowships, training programmes, advanced schools, exchange and exposure visits, access to advanced facilities etc. New collaboration linkages were developed and formalized in the last year by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research with some of the globally acknowledged R&D institutions in Germany, Belarus, Israel and Taiwan. These efforts spur enhanced activities in research institutions located in various states including Tamil Nadu.**

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