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TECHNOLOGY PARK
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up more technology parks for women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise/union territory-wise;
- (c) the number of such parks set up so far and proposed to be set up in the near future, location-wise;
- (d) whether these parks are proposed to be developed with the partnership of public and private sector; and
- (e) the salient features of the said parks?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) - (d) Yes Sir, In the immediate future, it is proposed to set up two more Technology Parks for women, one for the Arid Zone at Barmer in Rajasthan and another one for the East Coast Hill region at Koraput in Orissa. So far, Technology Parks for women have been set up at Dehradun in Uttar Pradesh for the Northern Mountainous Region and at Manipal in Karnataka for the West Coastal Region. The development of these parks involve close cooperation between the Government and Science and Technology oriented grassroot voluntary organisations working with women in the region.

(e) The salient features of the Parks are :

- To act as a Resource Centre for dissemination of appropriate location specific technologies.
- To create awareness about new technologies, instruments, appliances which are friendly to women in their day to day work
- To provide exposure for effective utilization of natural resources like land, water and biomass.
- To network NGOs and Research institutions of the area to provide technological solutions to problems faced by women.