

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING THE SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ambala cantonment is the main place for manufacturing of scientific apparatus;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to accelerate the pace of scientific research in this field;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to give boost to this industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. Ambala is one of the key places for manufacturing scientific instruments. Keeping in view its importance, CSIR has established Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO) at Chandigarh in 1959 in close proximity to Ambala with a view to undertaking research, design and development of scientific instruments and providing technical services to the Ambala Industrial Area. Department of Science and Technology has a scheme known as Instrument Development Programme to promote the development of scientific instruments and related technologies with the objective of their being taken up for industrial and commercial production eventually.

(d) Both the Central Government and various State Governments have taken steps and continue to do so for encouraging industry, including industry relating to the manufacture of scientific apparatus. An Instrument Design Development and Facilities Centre (IDDC) has been set up in Ambala Cantt. by the Haryana State Electronic Development Corporation to provide services to scientific industry in Ambala Region.