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SETTING UP OF BIOTECH PARKS AND RESEARCH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the biotech industry is flourishing globally and Indian needs more biotech parks and research centres to develop new researches and studies on the subjects like drugs and innovative drug delivery systems; and

(b) if so, the plan of action of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Biotech industry is flourishing globally and is expected to be a major generator of wealth. In India several programmes are under implementation. New institutional structures like biotech parks, incubation centres and research institutions are proposed to be established during the tenth plan. Research on new drugs, drug delivery systems, vaccines, diagnostics and recombinant products is a continuing activity. Forty technologies supported by DBT have been given to industry for commercialization. Many more are in the pipe line as envisaged in the tenth plan.