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TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT MISSION

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

- (a) whether the first-ever assessment of the Technology Development Mission projects has been made;
- (b) if so, the main features of the first-ever assessment of the Technology Development Mission and the response of the Government in the observations made therein;
- (c) whether the TDM Phase-I was conducted from 1993-94 to 1996-97 in the five Indian Institutes of Technology and in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore;
- (d) the period likely to be taken in implementation of the TDM Phase-II; and
- (e) the amount likely to be allocated for the said purpose?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The observations of assessments of the mission were as follows :-

- (i) TDMs have been useful in bringing IITs / IISc closer to the Industry.
- (ii) The model has been assessed by and large as satisfactory and there is further scope to improve on in the second phase.
- (iii) 95% researches at present are Government driven. The industries are not effectively involved. The impact is therefore nominal. TDMs only can ensure the effective participation of industry and beneficiaries etc.
- (iv) participating Industries acknowledged the work done by TDMs.
- (v) TDMs have given a strong learning experience for teachers, researchers and technologists.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Technology Development Mission Phase-II has not yet been started. It is scheduled to be started from the financial year 2001-2002.

(e) A budget provision of Rs. 8 crore has been made for the year 2001-2002 for Technology Development Mission Phase-II.