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SETTING UP OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY CENTRE IN KARNATAKA

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

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a bio-technology research Centre in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the location thereof;

(c) the time by which the research Centre is likely to be functional; and

(d) the steps initiated by the Union Government to conserve rare plants, animals and microbial resources available in the State?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : There is no proposal as of now to set up a biotechnology research center in Karnataka. However, the State Government has recently established the Institute of Bioinformatics & Biotechnology in Bangalore. The Department of Biotechnology has supported a training programme on bioinformatics as well as a major programme on human genetics at this institute.

(d) : Various government agencies e.g., Ministry of Environment & Forests and Department of Biotechnology have supported projects on the conservation and inventorization of rare plants, animals and microbial resources in the State.