GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2326
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002
INDO-RUSSIAN JOINT CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Russia have decided to set up a joint centre for the transfer of technologies evolved through collaborative efforts to the developed and developing countries;
- (b) if so, the full details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which it is likely to be beneficial to both the countries;
- (d) whether any long term programme has been prepared by the both countries jointly in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether India and Russia have also reviewed the progress made in the implementation of on-going joint research projects;
- (g) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (h) the steps taken by the Government to boost the mutual cooperation in the technology development?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (h): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (h) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2326 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2002 REGARDING 'INDO-RUSSIAN JOINT CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER'.

- (a) Indo-Russian Joint Council for ILTP (Integrated Long Term Programme for Cooperation in Science & Technology between India and Russia) in its 11th Session held in Bangalore on November 6-7, 2002 has recommended setting up of a Joint Science & Technology Centre in Moscow which could also deal with the problems of transfer of technology.
- (b) The proposed Centre aims to catalyse industrial realization of results of ILTP projects as well as other high-tech technologies available on either side.
- (c) The Centre will help in updating industrial technologies and also creation of joint ventures around advanced technologies in both countries.
- (d)&(e) Action has been initiated for the formulation of a detailed long term programme.
- (f) Yes sir.
- (g) & (h) Implementation status of the on-going joint projects was reviewed by the Joint Council and it was decided to continue 91 projects. The Joint Council has included 43 new projects in the programme. Further, Joint Centres have been created in areas of Powder Metallurgy and New Materials; Oral Polio Vaccine Production; Advanced Computing Research and Biotechnology. These Centres are addressing problems of utilizing advanced technologies in their respective thematic areas. The Joint Council has also recommended creation of joint centres in the areas of Ayurveda Research; Gas Hydrates; Seismology and Medical Instrumentation.