

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS SENT BY JHARKHAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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

(a) the details of the proposals sent by Jharkhand Government for the development of Science and Technology; and

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The Government of India has already approved the establishment of Regional Science Centre at Ranchi and has released a part of its capital cost share to National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) , which is the implementing agency for this project. The capital cost of the project is to be equally shared by the Government of India in Department of Culture and Government of Jharkhand. A plot of land was also identified by NCSM in consultation with the officials of the Government of Jharkhand. Confirmation from the Government of Jharkhand regarding availability of this land for the project and release of their share of 50% of the project cost to NCSM is awaited.

Jharkhand Government has sent a proposal to set up Software Technology Park at Ranchi to the Government of India in the Department of Commerce, which has been forwarded to Department of Information Technology (DIT). Software Technology Park of India (STPI) in DIT has already requested Jharkhand Government to make available 3 acres of land, 3000 sq ft of built up space and Rs 1 crore to partially defray the expenses towards the total project cost. Response from Jharkhand Government is awaited.