

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:45  
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2003  
PROMOTION OF TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the policy formulated and the details of the effective steps being taken by the Government to promote technology in the villages particularly during the Tenth Plan;
- (b) whether the Government have sanctioned any funds for this purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 45 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 23.07.2003 REGARDING 'PROMOTION OF TECHNOLOGY'

(a) The Government has released a new Science and Technology Policy in January, 2003 which spells out Policy objectives, strategies and implementation plan for promotion of science and technology in the country with particular emphasis for the villages. Actions have been initiated to develop mechanisms, which will enable identification of specific plans, programmes and projects with clearly defined tasks, estimates of necessary resources and time targets. Specific central schemes of science and technology intervention targeted towards rural application have been in operation during past plan periods and will continue during 10th Plan. An illustrative list of technologies, which have been successfully replicated in villages, are given below:

- i) Integrated and Holistic Village Development through S&T
- ii) Horticultural Processing
- iii) Medicinal plant cultivation and semi-processing
- iv) Leather tanning and carcass utilization
- v) Establishment of Community Information Centres (CICs)
- vi) Bio-fertilizer technology
- vii) Establishment of bio-villages
- viii) Establishment of Women Technology Park
- ix) Aquaculture

Support is also provided to the State Councils/Departments of Science and Technology of the States.

(b) & (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.