

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIEW OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government are planning to review the science and technology policy of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the views of experts and the State Governments have been obtained in this regard;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be announced?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (e) The Scientific Policy Resolution, 1958 and the Technology Policy Statement, 1983 contain the basic framework of Government's policy on Science & Technology. However, in keeping with rapid scientific and technological advancements in the world and in terms of India's short term, medium term and long term requirements, Science & Technology policies are continually reshaped and remodeled through a variety of interventions, administrative and fiscal.

The various scientific and technological bodies such as academies, professional institutions and scientific fora and State S&T Councils/institutions also provide inputs in the formulation of S&T programmes from time to time. The Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet and the Consultative Group of Eminent Scientists and the Consultative Group of Government Departments/agencies on S&T also consider various aspects of Science and Technology Policy. There is a continuous interaction with these fora and their inputs are duly considered and incorporated in the existing S&T policy framework. The process of preparing a formal Science & Technology policy document incorporating inputs from all the aforementioned institutions/fora and keeping in view changes in the global scenario, has been initiated.