

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1910
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SATELLITE FACILITY FOR RESEARCH ON ENDANGERED SPECIES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Centre for Cellular and Molecular biology at Hyderabad has taken up a project on setting up of a satellite facility for research in the area of endangered species ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress achieved with regard to this project including the construction of laboratory building and development of infrastructure; and
- (d) the time by which the laboratory is expected to become fully functional ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) : Yes sir.
- (b) : The land for the facility has been provided by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the funds are jointly shared by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Central Zoo Authority(CZA), Department of Biotechnology (DBT);
- (c): At Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, a DNA and gene bank for a number of endangered species of wild animals along with semen profiles has been established. Also Protocols have been standardized for artificial insemination. A few molecular markers have also been developed for genetic profiling.
- (d): The facility is likely to be fully functional by next year.