

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BIOTECH PARK AT VADODARA

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

(a)

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote Biotechnology in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the Government is establishing Biotech Park at Vadodara in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details of provisions of funds made therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The mandate of the Department of Biotechnology is to promote Biotechnology in the country including Gujarat State. Biotechnology is promoted through Infrastructure development and Research & Development projects in the multi-disciplinary areas which include Medical Biotechnology, Agriculture Biotechnology, Marine Biotechnology, Environmental Biotechnology, Biodiversity Conservation, Industrial Biotechnology, Seri-biotechnology, Aquaculture Biotechnology, Crop Biotechnology, Animal Biotechnology etc and Human Resource Development activities.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Department of Biotechnology did receive a proposal from State Government of Gujarat for setting up of Biotechnology Park at Vadodara, with proposed cost of Rs. 54 crores, of which Rs. 24 crores have been committed by the State Government. As per the approved Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) provisions of Department of Biotechnology for 10th Five Year Plan there is provision to set up only two Biotech Parks. Till now, this department has already supported two projects in this context in the country, and at present there is no provision in the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) to support any other project on the Biotechnology Parks. The Science & Technology Department of Government of Gujarat has informed this department that the Planning Commission has already provided them a grant of Rs.15.00 crores for the proposed park.