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BIO-TECHNOLOGY PARKS

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

- (a) the number of bio-technology parks functioning throughout the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received requests from various States to allot financial assistance to strengthen the bio-technology parks functioning in the States;
- (c) if so, the details of requests received from various States, State-wise;
- (d) the locations wherein these parks are likely to be set up, State-wise;
- (e) the amount involved for this purpose alongwith the modalities finalised for the same; and
- (f) the time by when these parks are likely to become fully functional?

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) Sir, at present, there are biotechnology parks at various stages of development in the following states: Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The biotechnology park at Uttar Pradesh and Biotechnology Incubation Centre (BTIC) at Shapoorji Pallonji Biotech Park, Hyderabad are supported through the Department of Biotechnology.

(b) The Government of India has received proposals from various states for financial assistance for establishing specific components of their biotechnology parks.

(c) & (d) The details of the new proposals received from the States are: Karnataka for Biotech Incubation Centre and common instrumentation facilities at Biotech Park, Bangalore; Kerala for bio-processing and scale up facility, micro-propagation facility, plant extraction facility, analytical laboratory facility and utility support & design engineering and project supervision at Kochi; Punjab for common extraction facility for medicinal and aromatic plants and agro/food testing and certification facility near Chandigarh; Himachal Pradesh for tissue culture hardening facilities, cultivation of temperate aromatic plants using biotechnological interventions, pilot cultivation of selected high value medicinal plants and post-harvest management of biofresh fruit project and technology aided food processing at Solan and Haryana for bio-resource facility at Manesar.

(e) The Department has already supported the biotechnology park at Lucknow at the cost of Rs. 12.06 crores and the biotechnology incubation centre (BTIC) at Hyderabad at the cost of Rs. 12.39 crores. The proposals by the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh were considered to be satisfactory by the Department's Expert Committee. The total cost involved would be Rs. 40.0 crores for a period of three years. They will be supported subject to approval of Planning Commission and availability of sufficient funds.

(f) The parks that are eventually funded are likely to be functional within a period of three years.