

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Regional Science Research Centres in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which these Research Centres are likely to start functioning?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. However, the Government has a proposal to set up Regional Incubation Science Hubs for Inventors (RISHI) in the country for fostering creative and imaginative abilities of young people. The expenditure will be made under the programme 'S& T for socio-economic development' in the scheme of science communication and popularization.