

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

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

- (a) whether the Government is thinking to provide an opportunity to the Scientists and Technologists of the Indian origin settled in various countries across the world to come to India and work here;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme prepared to invite the scientists and technologists of the Indian origin to India to work on short-term projects;
- (c) the details of such STIOs who have already requested the Government for providing this opportunity to them and the countries they are settled in;
- (d) whether such STIOs are also going to be allowed to work in various defence research centres and laboratories; and
- (e) If so, the security guarantee measures proposed to be taken by the Govt. for internal security and safety of defence documents and datas?

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) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) Action has been initiated to formulate details of a scheme entitled "Joint Project based Visit of Scientists & Technologists of Indian Origin Abroad (STIOs) into India". This initiative will allow long term and sustained connectivity between STIOs abroad & Indian S&T personnel working in academia, research labs and industry and will revolve around well defined work between willing and capable STIO from abroad and their peers in India. While formulated and if they are permitted to work in defence research centers and laboratories all security concerns will be taken care of.

Over 250 STIOs residing in 33 countries including USA, Canada, UAE, S. Arabia, Kuwait, UK, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Japan, China, Singapore have posted their willingness on Government of India's "STIO Website" for sharing their scientific and technical expertise in very broad sense with home country. This interest is one of the basis for formulating the scheme "Joint Project based Visit of STIOs into India "