

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR MID SCALE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to join Confederation of Indian Industry and Association of Biotech led enterprises for helping mid-scale industries involved in activities such as clinical research, agri-biotech, stem cells etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Sir, Ministry of Science & Technology has no proposal to join Confederation of Indian Industry and Association of Biotech led enterprises for helping mid-scale industries involved in activities such as clinical research, agri-biotech, stem cells etc. However, Department of Biotechnology supports mid- scale industries under the schemes, (i) "Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)" and (ii) "Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme (BIPP)" to promote public-private partnerships in R&D in biotechnology. The details of the scheme and funding mechanism are displayed on the website www.dbtindia.nic.in