

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6586  
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ANIMAL BIOTECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Institute of Animal Biotechnology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the location identified for this purpose;
- (c) the norms/criteria adopted for the site selection; and
- (d) the action taken in this regard?

**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) Yes Madam, the Government has decided to set up a National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) in the campus of the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad. It will be an autonomous Institute under the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- (c) The Government constituted an "Expert Group on establishment of the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology". The Expert Group recommended the campus of University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, as a suitable site for establishing the institute. Logistics (access and connectivity), the availability of infrastructure facilities, the presence of biotech industries, veterinary college and presence of a number of academic institutions and national laboratories in the vicinity were major considerations for site selection. Besides this, the University has agreed to provide about 150 acres of land, free of cost for establishing NIAB.
- (d) The Cabinet has approved the proposal for establishing the NIAB at Hyderabad in its meeting held on 19th March 2010.