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

- (a) whether the Government has celebrated National Technology Day recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the aims and objectives set on the occasion; and
- (d) the steps taken for promotion of Science and Technology in various States of the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. National Technology Day is celebrated annually on 11th May all over the country by various scientific/educational institutions and industrial organizations since 1999. On this day, institutions and organizations across the country conducted seminars and special lectures by eminent scientists and technologists on innovation and indigenous technology development/commercialization. They also organized technology exhibitions and gave away awards and prizes for the exemplary technological contributions of scientists, technologists and entrepreneurs/innovators.

(c): The aims and objectives of celebrating the National Technology Day are to commemorate technological achievements, to encourage Indian entrepreneurs/innovators through awards and recognitions and to showcase the technologies developed indigenously by public as well as private institutions.

(d): The Ministry of Science and Technology under its constituent Departments promotes Science and Technology in States through various measures, such as providing assistance to State Councils for Science and Technology, undertake activities in different parts of the country at State level for Science and Technology awareness, creation and popularization, entrepreneurship development, establishment of Science and Technology parks, biotech parks, technology business incubators and other targeted Science and Technology based interventions for weaker sections, women, scheduled caste and tribes, etc.