

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

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

- (a) whether Union Government carry out any activity on development of Science and Technology at district level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, 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) to (c): No, Madam. However, the Union Government provides financial assistance for development of Science and Technology to States through State Science and Technology Programme. Under this programme, financial assistance is provided for setting up/ strengthening of State Science and Technology Councils and to carry out and promote activities related to location specific need based research and development; pilot scale science and technology demonstration projects and studies/surveys on specific topics of relevance to the State etc. including the projects at District Level.