

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COMMERCIALISATION OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has set up a Bio-technology development fund to process and speed up commercialisation of new Bio-technologies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives achieved so far;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated Public-Private Partnership mode in development of Bio-technologies; and
- (d) if so, the details of such projects alongwith the funds sanctioned by the Government to each project, Project-wise ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR EARTH SCIENCES (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a)to (b): No, Sir.

(c) to (d): The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India is funding the Industry through two of its Public-Private Partnership schemes,

- (i) "Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)" and
- (ii) "Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme (BIPP)" to process and speed up commercialisation of new Biotechnologies.

In addition to the above Public-Private Partnership schemes by DBT, the following schemes also support projects on Biotechnologies:

- (i) Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Research Programme (DPRP) being implemented by Department of Science & Technology (DST);
- (ii) New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI) being implemented by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR);
- (iii) Technology Development & Demonstration Programme (TDDP) being implemented by Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR);
- (iv) Technology Development Board (TDB) of DST also supports industry projects.

The projects sanctioned under SBIRI & BIPP schemes of DBT are enclosed as Annexure - 1 & 2 respectively. The projects supported under TDDP of DSIR are enclosed as Annexure - 3. The details of the projects under DPRP, NMITLI and TDB schemes are being collected and will be submitted later.