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ESTABLISHMENT OF INDO GERMAN S T CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indo-German Science and Technology Centre will be established in about two months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the aims and objectives of such Centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) The Indo-German Science and Technology Centre has been established in India with its present office in Gurgaon (Haryana).
- (b) The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) is supported by Indian and German governments with equivalent contribution of 2 million euros per year from German side and rupees 13 crores per year from Indian side for an initial period of 5 years. The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) is registered as a "Society" under Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860, Punjab Amendment Act 1957) as extended to NCR Delhi. The IGSTC is governed by a Governing Body (GB) having equal members from India and Germany. The IGSTC is steered by an Indian Director to be appointed by GB on nomination by Indian government. The IGSTC shall support mega joint research projects with co-funding from both sides in rupee as well as euros components and participation of industry from both sides.
- (c) The objectives of the IGSTC are to play a pro-active role to:
 - (i) facilitate participation of industry in joint R&D projects;
 - (ii) provide/ assist in mobilizing resources to carry out industrial R&D projects,
 - (iii) facilitate and promote Indo-German bilateral collaborations in basic and applied science, research and technology through substantive interaction among government, academia and industry;
 - (iv) encourage public-private partnerships (PPP) to foster elements of innovation, application and cultivate a culture of cooperation between science and industry;
 - (v) develop cooperation through the identification of scientists and scientific institutions of the two countries etc.