

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCIENCE CENTRES IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for establishment of sub-regional science centres in Haveri and Tumkur in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (d) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA))

(a) to (d): The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture has received proposals from the Government of Karnataka for establishment of two sub-regional science centres one each at Haveri and Tumkur.

Currently, two Science Centres are functioning in the State of Karnataka; one at Bangalore (National level) and other at Gulbarga (District level). Another two large Science Centres (Dharwad and Pilikula) are in advanced stage of completion; these are scheduled to be opened in 2011. NCSM is not in a position to take up additional projects in Karnataka, until the on-going projects are completed. Further, taking up additional projects will depend on prioritization of total demand for Science Centres in the entire country.