

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance to States including Karnataka for establishing Science and Technology Centres in their States to apprise the students at various levels of the recent advances in Science and Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam. Ministry of Science and Technology does not provide any assistance to States for establishing 'Science and Technology Centres' in the States. However, National Council for Science Museum (NCSM), under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture, establishes Science museums and Science centres across the country for popularization of Science and Technology.

(b) & (c): At present, there are 24 Science museums/Science centres functioning under the administrative control of NCSM, including two centres in the State of Karnataka viz.(i) Visvesvaraya Industrial & technological Museum, Bangalore and (ii) District Science centre, Gulbarga. Further, NCSM is presently engaged in the establishment of two centres at Dharwad and Pilikula, Mangalore in the state of Karnataka. In addition, 11 requests have been received from the Government of Karnataka for setting up Science centres in different districts of the State. NCSM will take up the new Science centre projects in the country in a phased manner and as per the priority set for implementation depending the density of Science centres in the respective States.