

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE IN S & T
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish 50 centres of excellence in frontier areas of science and technology in the next few years;
- (b) if so, whether these centres will be able to work in bio-technology, bio-informatics, nanotech and high performance computing;
- (c) if so, whether an expert committee headed by C.N.R. Rao has shortlisted any proposals;
- (d) if so, the names of the shortlisted institutions;
- (e) the extent to which the centres conducting courses of Post-graduate/Ph.D./Post-doctorate levels are likely to be benefited;
- (f) whether any provision has been made in the Eleventh Five Year Plan in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. An expert committee headed by Dr. T. Ramasami, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology has shortlisted 35 proposals from 30 institutions for setting up these centres in frontier areas of science and technology. The state-wise details is at annexure.

(e) to (g) : Yes, Sir. The scheme will strengthen the scientific infrastructure for training and research at doctoral and post doctoral in emerging areas of science and technology in institutions with good track record.