

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NEW R AND D INSTITUTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any plan to start new research and development institutions in the country in the coming financial year either under the Department of Science and Technology or under the Department of Biotechnology;
- (b) if so, the sectors and locations thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan to start a new institution in Karnataka to explore the possibilities of Herbal Technology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Action has been initiated to set up following Research and Development Institutions by Department of Science and Technology and Department of Biotechnology in the coming financial year:-

Department of Science & Technology(DST):

- (i) National Centre for Molecular Materials Research (N CM MR), Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala.
- (ii) North East Centre for Technology Application & Reach (NECTAR), Shillong, Meghalaya.

Department of Biotechnology (DBT)

- (i) National Institute of Marine Biotechnology and Micro Biology and
- (ii) National Institute of Bioinformatics and Computation Biology.

The locations for establishment of the above two DBT institutions have not been finalized yet.

- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Do not arise.
- (e) There is no such proposal at the moment.