

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

- (a) the number of Regional Science Centres in the country alongwith their functions;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish more such centres in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise; and
- (d) the total amount of funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER FOR CULTURE(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (c): The setting up of Science Centres is a continuous process. Proposals relating to setting up of Science Centre projects are considered and approved on the basis of the projects submitted by State Governments from time to time. The main function of Science Centres is to portray the growth of science and technology and their application in industry and human welfare, with a view to develop scientific attitude and temper amongst the people. A list of the Science Centres which have been developed/are being developed and proposed to be established is attached as Annexure.

(d): In 11th Five Year Plan, total fund allocated by the Government of India and respective State Governments to National Council of Science Museums, an autonomous and implementing agency under Ministry of Culture, for setting up of Science Centres is Rs. 47.00 crore out of which Rs.32.00 crore has been utilized.