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

(a) whether there have been reports that Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and industry interaction has been waning and there is absence of linkage with industry and industrial research leading to overlapping of research and conducting of research by CSIR laboratories which has no use to the industry; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to correct this situation and promote better industry awareness and cooperation?

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): CSIR has major focus on industrial research and has a substantial patents portfolio. CSIR has established linkages with industry and undertakes collaborative research with industry and also pursues sponsored R&D projects to develop identified knowledgebase for the industry. There is need perhaps to further strengthen these linkages and a larger involvement of industry in R&D and collaborative research, to which end, Government has taken a number of initiatives including the involvement of CII to formulate proposals and schemes to ensure larger private sector participation in R&D to cater to purposive linkages with Government R&D institutes. Meanwhile CSIR funds R&D projects in Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode as well, CSIR has representation of industry in Research Councils of its constituent laboratories and its apex bodies such as Governing Body and CSIR Society.