

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DBHISLS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote University Inter-Disciplinary Biology Department (VUILDER-Builder Scheme) for teaching and research schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch a DBT-University Inter- Disciplinary School of Life Sciences for Advance Research and Education (DBIISLS) scheme to assist advance research and education in the universities;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to start it in the various States of the country including Jharkhand;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As per the information furnished by the Department of Bio-Technology (DBT), DBT has been implementing the programme for upgradation and redesigning of life science departments of Central and State universities for advanced research and education in biological sciences and biotechnology during the XIth Plan. The scheme was initially named as DBT-Interdisciplinary Programme of Life Sciences (DBT-IPLS) and later was renamed as "Boost to University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Department for Education and Research (DBT-BUILDER). The scheme is advertised in national and regional newspapers inviting proposals from universities every year since 2009-10. The basic objectives of the scheme is to increase the number of postgraduate students opting for life sciences at M.Sc and Ph.D levels; upgrade infrastructure and equipment for advance research in post graduate laboratories; provide seed money for research in emerging areas of biology and to strengthen the faculty for applying for extramural projects from various funding agencies.
- (c): DBT has informed that it has no such proposal as at present.
- (d) to (f): The DBT BUILDER scheme is not implemented State-wise. All Central and State universities listed by UGC are eligible for the competitive grants. No proposal has been received from the State of Jharkhand by DBT so far. So far 12 State/Central Universities have been supported for implementing the scheme, in 12 States.