

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2567  
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EXPANSION OF RGC  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for expansion and development of the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-technology at Trivandrum in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof
- (c) whether the Government has proposed any new project for this centre; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes; Sir.

(b) The Govt. of India is currently expanding Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram by building a second campus called the Interdisciplinary Innovation Centre (IIC). This will be state-of-the-art campus focusing on translation and application of biotechnology for better Health-Care and technology development. The total sanctioned budget for this expansion is Rs.100 crores for a period of three years w.e.f. 2011-12.

(c) & (d) No; Sir.