

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO BRAZIL COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held meeting with

Answer

the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed during the said meeting;

(c) the details of the bilateral collaboration in the area strengthened through the projects undertaken by the Indo-Brazil Science Council and India- Brazil Joint Commission of Science and Technology; and

(d) the details of the other scientific areas identified for cooperation by both the leaders?

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) Yes, Madam. Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences held discussions with Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil on 28th March 2012.

(b) The issues discussed during the meeting related to future steps for strengthening the Indo-Brazil scientific technological cooperation including (i) Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology for 2012-15; (ii) Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of the Science without Borders programme in India; and (iii) Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Biotechnology, which were signed by the two sides on March 30, 2012.

(c) The bilateral cooperation has been strengthened through projects undertaken by the Indo-Brazil Science Council and India-Brazil Joint Commission on Science and Technology in areas of Materials including Nano Materials; Infectious Diseases; Condensed Matter Physics; Mathematics; Computational Sciences and modeling; and Bio-energy.

(d) The other areas of cooperation identified by the two leaders for cooperation for the period 2012-15 are: Biotechnology; Computers Sciences and ICT; Earth Systems Sciences including Ocean sciences and Climate change; Engineering; Health and Biomedical sciences; Material sciences and Nano-technology; Mathematics; Natural sciences; and Renewable energy, Energy efficient and Low Carbon technologies.