

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGICAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had introduced a scheme named 'Technological Entrepreneurship Development Programme' in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the term of the scheme was just three years;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether it is proposed to increase the term of the scheme;
- (f) If so, the details thereof; and
- (g) If not, the reasons therefor?

**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 (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) Yes, the Government had introduced a scheme called "Technopreneur Promotion Programme" (TePP).
- (b) Technopreneur Promotion Programme (TePP)" was launched in August, 1998 under the Ministry of Science & Technology as a novel programme to extend financial support to individual innovators for converting their innovative ideas into working prototypes/models. It was jointly operated by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) of the Department of Science & Technology (DST) till April, 2008 and independently by DSIR thereafter. The TePP programme aims to tap the vast innovative potential of the citizens of India. The support is provided in two distinct phases, viz. the innovation incubation phase, where a maximum support of Rs. 15 lakhs is available and the enterprise incubation phase, where 50% of the project cost is supported, up to a limit of Rs. 45 lakhs.
- (c) No Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e)&(f) The scheme is proposed to be continued in the 12th five year plan under a new plan scheme, with an enlarged scope of supporting technology based start-up companies in incubators and MSME clusters besides individual innovators.
- (g) Does not arise.