

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PARKS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is proposed to open various research parks / institutes and / or Centres of Excellence in academic / other developmental sectors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, with location of such parks, State / UT-wise and the time by which they are likely to be opened;
- (c) whether such centres have been developed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras and others and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the fields of research on which these centres would revolve around;
- (e) the budgetary allocations that has been made for setting up of these centres; and
- (f) whether it is also a fact that the Government is considering to enhance the spending on research and development and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (f): An Expert Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. C.N.R. Rao was constituted to prepare a scheme for the establishment of 50 Centres for Training and Research in Frontier Area of Science and Technology. With the approval of the Expert Committee, a Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. T. Rama-sami, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, after a rigorous and transparent system of open advertisement, selected 35 Centres from 30 Institutions for the implementation of the pilot project. Consequently, a Steering Committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, held interactive sessions on the detailed project proposals (DPRs), with the short-listed Institutions drawn up by the Ramasami Committee, including

presentations with focus on (a) Impact issues on industry, society and research, (b) Faculty / Research Associates involved with the programme, (c) Budget for the Centre of Excellence (CoE), and (d) Unique Identity of CoE and initially selected 16 Centres for Training and Research in Frontier Area of Science and Technology. While an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore had been provided for this during the current year of 2012-13, an allocation of Rs. 100.00 crores have been made for the year 2013-14. A statement showing the State / Institution-wise list alongwith areas of research is annexed.

Earlier, the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM) Research Park was established under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 with an aim to promote research and development in partnership with the industry, to nurture innovation, and to assist in the growth of new ventures and promote economic development.