

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCIENCE CITIES /CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Science Cities/Science Centres established in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to review the existing guidelines and bring down the eligibility criteria and land requirement, number of visitors etc. with a view to bring science to rural areas instead of being city centric;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State Governments of Kerala and Karnataka and any society from these States have approached for the establishment of such a centre; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof including the amount sanctioned, State-wise/society-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (Shri. V. Narayana Samy)

- (a): Details of existing Science Museums/Centres are at Annexure.
 - (b) and (c): The norms for setting up of Science Centres were revised in the year 2008. There is no proposal to review the norms, at this stage.
 - (d): The Government of Karnataka had approached for establishment of Science Centres in Dharwad and Pilikula in Mangalore, Tumkur, Haveri and Raichur. The work for setting up of science centres in Dharwad and Pilikula is under progress.
- A proposal for establishment of a 3D gallery with Dome Digital Theatre was received from Kerala State Science & Technology Museum & Priyadarshini Planetarium in October 2007. The proposal was not forwarded to the Central Government as per the prescribed norms of Science City Scheme. The organization was requested to revise the proposal and forward the same as per the prescribed norms. No revised proposal has been received thereafter.
- (e): The capital cost for both the science centres at Dharwad and Pilikula is Rs. 6.50 crore each and is being equally shared by the Government of Karnataka and the Government of India and funds have been sanctioned accordingly.