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COMPLETION OF PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of project sanctioned under his Ministry were not completed on time and funds allocated were also not utilised by the authorities concerned;
- (b) If so, the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has developed any effective monitoring mechanism to ensure timely completion of projects with optimum utilisation of funds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): Most of the research projects sanctioned under the Ministry have been completed on time and the funds allocated for the projects had been utilized by the respective implementing institutions/universities. A small percentage of projects were not completed on time due to procedural delays and also due to geographical locations. In technology demonstration projects especially for agro based projects, seasonal requirements need to be met for validating and testing the technologies, (c) & (d): The Government has instituted several monitoring mechanisms to review and evaluate the outcome of the R&D projects at various stages of its implementation to ensure timely completion of projects with optimum utilisation of funds. This includes mid-term review by experts in the field, incorporating necessary changes, if required and a final evaluation to measure the extent of success in R&D projects. Projects sanctioned under national laboratories have well laid monitoring mechanisms for prompt implementation of projects viz. (I) At laboratory level by respective Research Council; (II) By the task force at the project level; and (III) By the Cluster Directors at the cluster level. These measures ensure achieving the objectives in planned time scales.