

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

- (a) whether India has set up a Science and Technology Centre in collaboration with Russia to increase cooperation in nano technology and other fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any terms of reference have been prescribed for the functioning of this centre; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. The Department of Science and Technology in collaboration with the Russian Ministry of Education and Science has jointly established the Indo-Russian Science and Technology Centre (IRSTC) with offices at New Delhi NCR region and in Moscow.
- (b) The Indian Office of the IRSTC started functioning from April, 2012 while Russian Office is functional from December, 2011. The Centre is presently functioning in a project mode for an initial period of three years.
- (c) & (d): The following terms and references have been mutually agreed upon:
 - (i) Both sides (India and Russia) are to financially support the Centre in their respective country;
 - (ii) IRSTC is mandated to facilitate transfer of proven technology (at laboratory scale or pilot scale) to industry, both from India and Russia;
 - (iii) IRSTC is also mandated to explore for all possible technologies including nanotechnology;
 - (iv) IRSTC would provide services for information search; organize meetings, seminars and conferences, presentation, exhibitions and advertising of various available technologies;
 - (v) IRSTC would facilitate preparation and conclusion of technology transfer agreement between technology supplier and acquirer.