

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INNOVATION HUBS  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to establish 100 innovation hubs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the purpose and functions for which the same are being set up; and
- (d) the amount of funds earmarked for establishment of the hubs and the time by which these are likely to be established?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

- (a): The Government has established 5 Innovation hubs in Kolkata, New Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Guwahati. There is a proposal to establish 55 such Hubs.
- (b) & (c): The purpose of creating Innovation Hubs in Science Centers, schools and colleges is to promote innovation, creativity and engagement in Science by fostering problem and project based learning among students. Moreover, the Hubs are likely to redefine the use of Science Centers and Museums and foster a culture of innovation and creativity in society.
- (d): In the Twelfth Five Year Plan period, it is envisaged to set up 60 Hubs (of which 5 have already been set up) with average funding of Rs. 1.2 crore per hub.