

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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UNESCO CENTRE  
Ramasubbu Shri S.

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has any proposal to set up UNESCO Regional Centre for Biotechnology;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith its proposed functions; and
- (c) the time by which the said Centre is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Government was approved setting up of the UNESCO Regional Centre for Biotechnology at Faridabad, Haryana under the administrative control of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology. The Centre would act as a regional hub for interdisciplinary education, training and research in Biotechnology. It would also be a focal point for cooperation amongst the member countries of the Asian Region. The Centre is already functioning from a temporary facility at Gurgaon, Haryana. Activities on educational, training, research programmes, design and construction of the main campus have been initiated. The permanent campus at Faridabad shall be functional by July 2012.