

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any Technology Summits have been held in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the benefits accrued/likely to accrue therefrom?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) Yes, Madam. Three Technology Summits were held during last three years.

(b) The 20th Technology Summit was held on November 18-19, 2014 in Greater Noida organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry in association with the Department of Science & Technology with United States of America (USA) as the partner country. About 1700 delegates, including 300 from USA, drawn from industry, academia and government participated in the Technology Summit. During the Summit 35 technical sessions on 5 thematic areas including (i) Manufacturing, (ii) Information Technology, (iii) Clean & Renewable Energy, (iv) Life Science and (v) Sustainable Cities, Natural Resources & Earth Sciences were held. In addition, a Technology Exposition by Indian & US companies and organizations was also held.

19th Technology Summit was held on October 23-24, 2013 in New Delhi organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry in association with Department of Science & Technology with France as partner country. The Summit has seen participation of over 300 French and over 500 Indian participants. About 750 Business to Business (B2B) meetings were held for exploring Techno-business partnerships between the two countries. During the summit 31 Parallel roundtables and business presentations took place. The key focus sectors of the Summit were Chemical & Materials; Aeronautics & Aerospace; Biotechnology, Agri-Food & Healthcare; Smart Cities, Energy & Climate and ICT as transversal domain. An exhibition showcasing over 50 Indian and French technology exhibitors from diverse sectors was also organised during the Summit. Eleven MoUs in Science & Techno-logy and Education were concluded between the Indian and French organisations.

18th Technology Summit was held on December 12-13, 2012 in New Delhi organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry in association with Department of Science & Technology with South Korea as partner country. About 70 member Korean delegation and over 200 Indian delegates comprising officials, scientists and industry representatives participated in the Technology Summit. Focus Sectors for the Summit were `Renewable Energy`; `Waste Water Technologies` and `Robotics / Multimedia`. During the Summit an Exhibition showcasing Technologies /Technology Intensive Products/ Services and Projects by Partner Country and Indian organisations was also organised.

(c) The Technology Summit(s) provided a platform for Business to Business meetings for enhancing industrial partnerships. It also provided relevant inputs for augmenting industry-academia collaboration through innovation programs between India and partner countries and specifically, a new Industrial R&D Programme with South Korea has been initiated.