

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Science and Technology Centre in collaboration with foreign countries like South Korea 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 (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The Department of Science and Technology has established four bi-national Science and Technology Centres. These Centres are with Germany, France, Russia and USA. However, the Department has not established any joint Science and Technology Centre with South Korea.
- (b) The Indo-French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research was established in 1987 with office located in New Delhi; the Indo-US Science & Technology Forum was established in 2000 with office located in New Delhi; the Indo-German Science and Technology Centre was established in 2010 with office located in Gurgaon; and the Indo-Russian Science and Technology Centre was established in 2012 with offices located at Gurgaon and Moscow. These Centres have been established under bilateral S&T Agreement which provides for equal funding from India and the partner country to support their activities.
- (c) & (d): These Centres have been established with the mandate to promote Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation between India and the partnering countries. A joint Governing Body with equal number of members nominated by the respective governments provides the overall direction and guidance to the activities of each Centre.