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PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch Science Centres, Science Cities and Bio-technology Parks as well as Mobile Labs in various States of the country especially for school children;

(b) if so, the details thereof location-wise and funds allocated for these projects, project-wise especially projects to be sanctioned to Telangana State;

(c) whether the establishment of science cities in the coming years will turn out to be an important phase for technical development in the field of earth sciences and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the sectors which are likely to go through such important phases after the establishment of science cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Culture, Government of India has plan to establish science centres and science cities in different parts of the country in phased manner during 12th & 13th Plan Period through National Council of Science Museums (NCSM). Mobile Science Exhibition units are integral part of the science centres/cities. The Department of Biotechnology has established Bio-technology Parks in some States and is planning to launch Bio-Technology Parks in other States of the country. BT Park projects are initiated by the State Government and are partially supported by the Department of Biotechnology. These Biotech Parks are aimed at promoting Biotech industries. School children would benefit by visit to these parks by observing the Biotechnology lab techniques and industrial production of various Biotech products etc.

(b) The following science centre/city projects will be taken up by NCSM during 12th & 13th Plan Period in phased manner:

Sl. No.	Name of Regional Science Centres presently being set up by NCSM	State/Union Territory	Estimated Project Cost
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(Rs.in Crs)

01	Regional Science Centre, Dehradun	Uttarakhand	8.50
02	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Puducherry	Puducherry	4.50
03	Science City, Guwahati	Assam	110.00
04	Regional Science Centre, Kottayam	Kerala	14.50
05	Regional Science Centre, Mysore	Karnataka	14.50
06	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Bargarh	Odisha	5.00
07	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur	Tripura	6.00
08	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Srinagar	J & K	6.00
09	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh	5.00
10	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur	Rajasthan	5.00
11	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	5.00
12	Regional Science Centre, Chandigarh	UT, Chandigarh	14.50
13	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Kumaun	Uttarakhand	6.00
14	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Palampur	Himachal Pradesh	6.00
15	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Ambala	Haryana	5.00
16	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Gaya	Bihar	5.00
17	Regional Science Centre, Allahabad/ Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	14.50
18	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Amritsar/ Bhatinda	Punjab	5.00
19	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Dadra- Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	Dadra-Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	5.00
20	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Tumkur	Karnataka	5.00

A proposal for establishment of a Science City in Hyderabad has been received prior to formation of Telangana. Viability of the project is under evaluation.

The State-wise details of Bio-tech Park are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Biotech Park	Status	Location	Fund contribution by DBT
1.	Lucknow BT Park	Established	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 28.55 Cr
2.	TICEL Biotech Park	Established	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Rs. 10.93 Cr
3.	Hyderabad BT Park	Established	Telangana	Rs. 17.29 Cr
4.	KINFRA Biotech Park	On-going	Kochi, Kerala	Rs. 11 Cr
5.	Guwahati Biotech Park	On-going	Guwahati, Assam	Rs. 27.99 Cr
6.	Bangalore Biotech Park	On-going	Bangalore, Karnataka	Rs 14.45 Cr
7	Bio Pharma-IT Park	On-going	Andharua, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Rs. 2.00 Cr

Proposals have also been received for setting up of Biotech Parks in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, & Chattisgarh. These proposals have been examined in the meetings of Expert Committee on BT Parks.

(c) Yes Madam. The establishment of science centres/cities will immensely help in awareness on science and technology and development of scientific temper in the local community of the respective regions of the country.

(d) Non-formal science education, science communication, economic, social and personal impact on the users community of the facilities of the science centres/cities.