

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1150
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2015
Science Cities
P. Shri Nagarajan

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

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SCIENCE CITIES

1150. SHRIP. NAGARAJAN

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether there is any proposal to develop "Science Cities" in various parts of the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and
- c) the steps taken/being taken by the Central Government to set up Science Cities/Parks in the country?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- a) Yes Madam, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Culture, is engaged in establishment of Science Centres/Science Cities throughout the country. The Science Cities projects are taken up by NCSM in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources, project-handling capacity of NCSM and the existing level of Science centre activities in a particular State and also the support/initiative of the state/UT Govt. desirous of having Science Cities.
- b) NCSM has developed a Science City in Kolkata. Regional Science Centre, Lucknow, a constituent unit of NCSM, has been upgraded to the status of a Regional Science City. However, no Science City in the state of Tamil Nadu has been developed by NCSM so far.
- c) During the 12th plan period, NCSM has taken up the project of Science City at Guwahati, Assam. Science Parks are integral part of all Science Cities.