

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2610  
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Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council  
Simha Shri Prathap

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the said council;
- (c) whether the National Innovation Foundation—India (NIF) has been able to meet its objectives, if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**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)

Yes, Madam. The Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) was created as an autonomous institution under the Department of Science and Technology in February, 1988. The main functions of TIFAC are to examine and evaluate state-of-the-art technologies and directions of future technological developments in various sectors of economy, both in India and abroad and prepare Technology Forecasting Reports, Technology Impact Statements and identify priorities for undertaking indigenous Research and Development (R&D) activities.

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(c) Yes Madam. The National Innovation Foundation –India (NIF-India) works on original technological ideas, innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge of the people from the informal sector having less or no exposure to formal education system. For meeting its objectives, NIF-India organizes National Campaigns and scouts for ideas/innovations/traditional knowledge, validates and adds value to the same and helps generate Intellectual Property out of the grassroots innovations. In the last three years and the current year so far, NIF-India has made

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great strides in achieving its objectives which are summarized in the Table below:-

Success Indicators Actual Value for FY 2012-13 Actual Value for FY 2013-14 Actual Value for FY 2014-15 Actual Value for FY 2015-16 (till 30/06/15)

Number of National Campaigns for scouting of ideas and innovations 3 2 2 2

Number of ideas/innovations/traditional knowledge scouted 22000 20470 20000 8000

Grassroots innovations validated/value added 240 335 244 93

Marketing rights/Licensing undertaken 5 14 18 ---

IPR related-successful filing of patents (Provisional Specifications/ Complete Specifications), design registrations, trademarks, filing References for Examination, response to First Examination Reports 100 119 135 107

(d) & (e): Do not arise.

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