

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce life sciences policy especially aimed at encouraging bio-technology, bulk drugs, formulations, vaccines, biological, research and development facilities etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such a policy is likely to come into force and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) to (b) Yes, Madam. The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology is in the process of drafting a "National Biotechnology Development Strategy II" for encouraging life sciences education, research and entrepreneurship. This strategy seeks to address a number of identified challenges in terms of tailor-made human capital for scientific research and entrepreneurship; research priorities, resources, and core facilities; creation of investment capital; intellectual property regime; technology transfer, absorption, diffusion and commercialization; regulation standards and accreditation; biotechnology partnerships between public and private sectors both nationally and globally and public understanding of biotechnology.

(c) The draft policy is currently under discussion with all senior experts and stakeholders for finalization before release.