

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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INNOVATION HUBS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to establish innovation hubs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise including Mumbai;
- (c) the purpose and functions for which the same are being set up; and
- (d) the amount of funds earmarked for establishment of the hubs and the time by which these are likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO Inderjit Singh)

- (a): Yes Madam. The Government of India has decided to establish innovation hubs in the country.
- (b): The Government of India has set up five innovation hubs for young students in its science museums and centres in Kolkata, Bangalore, New Delhi, Guwahati including Mumbai.
- (c): The purpose and functions of the hubs are to provide activity based learning environment to inculcate a spirit of inquiry, foster creative talent, inspire innovations by young students and develop scientific temper.
- (d): The amount of funds earmarked for establishment of sixty (60) innovation hubs in the country during the 12th Five Year Plan by March, 2017 is Rs.99.60 crores.