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

- (a) whether the Government had targeted setting up of innovation hubs for promotion of scientific innovation and new projects under the Twelfth Plan Period;
- (b) if so, the details of achievements made so far in setting up of such hubs, State and year-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to achieve the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
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(a) & (b): Yes Madam. In 12th Five Year Plan, under the 'Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Creativity and Engagement in Science (SPICES)', the Government has targeted to set up a total of 60 Innovation Hubs (48 fully funded by the Government of India and 12 in collaboration with State Government/Institutions on a 50:50 cost sharing basis), at an estimated cost of Rs. 99.60 crores. Details of achievements, state-wise and year-wise, are given at Annex I.

(c) Out of 60 Hubs, so far nine Hubs have been inaugurated and four Hubs are ready for inauguration. In respect of 47 Hubs at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh; Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh; Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir; Udaipur, Rajasthan; Vizag, Andhra Pradesh; Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan; Pune, Maharashtra; Raipur, Chhattisgarh; Puducherry (UT) and Dharwad, Karnataka, necessary commitments have been sought from respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and Science Centre authorities.

Annex I
Location of Innovation Hubs

- | Sl. No. | Location of Innovation Hub | Status | State | Year |
|---------|--|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | BITM, Kolkata | Inaugurated | West Bengal | August 2013 |
| 2. | VITM, Bangalore | Inaugurated | Karnataka | December 2013 |
| 3. | NSC, Mumbai | Inaugurated | Maharashtra | February 2014 |
| 4. | RSC, Guwahati | Inaugurated | Assam | February 2014 |
| 5. | DSC, Bardhaman | Inaugurated | West Bengal | July 2015 |
| 6. | RSC, Calicut | Inaugurated | Kerala | October 2015 |
| 7. | NSC, Delhi | Inaugurated | Delhi | January 2014 |
| 8. | RSC, Lucknow | Inaugurated | Uttar Pradesh | January 2016 |
| 9. | RSC Dehradun | Inaugurated | Uttarakhand | February 2016 |
| 10. | SSC Patna | Ready for inauguration | Bihar | |
| 11. | Agastya International Foundation, Kuppum | Ready for inauguration | Andhra Pradesh | |
| 12. | Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok | Ready for inauguration | Sikkim | |
| 13. | KSSTM, Trivandrum | Ready for inauguration | Kerala | |

BITM – Birla Industrial & Technological Museum
VITM – Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum
NSC - Mumbai – Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai
RSC - Regional Science Centre
DSC - District Science Centre
NSC, Delhi – National Science Centre, Delhi
SSC – Srikrishna Science Centre
KSSTM – Kerala State Science & Technology Museum
