

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Rural Technology Parks and Parks for women in the country and if so, the details and the salient features of such Parks;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up any industries in the said Parks and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such Parks set up so far, State-wise and location-wise;
- (d) the amount invested on these Parks, till date; and
- (e) the details of Parks proposed to be set up in various States of the country including Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Department of Science & Technology under its scheme "Science & Technology for Women" has launched a scheme of establishing Women Technology Parks (WTPs) in different geographic and agro-climatic zones of the country, mostly benefiting women in rural areas. Women Technology Park is a technology-modulation and training centre to show case livelihood technologies for women. Technology management packages developed here are transferred to the rural women for their food security and livelihood generation.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) So far eighteen Women Technology Parks have been set up at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh; Kumarikatta in Assam; Ahemdabad in Gujarat; Udupi in Karnataka; Palakkad and Idukki in Kerala; Pune, Yavatmal and Wardha in Maharashtra; Lumami in Nagaland; Koraput in Odisha; Reddiarpalayam in Puducherry; Barer in Rajasthan; Ramnathapuram and Chennai in Tamil Nadu; Dehradun in Uttarakhand and Sunderbans and West Midnapur in West Bengal.

(d) An amount of Rs. 4.50 crore has been spent on establishing the Women Technology Park(s).

(e) The Expert Committee on Science and Technology for Women has recommended for setting up of 17 Women Technology Parks in various States of the country, viz, Chittoor and Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh; Guwahati in Assam; Bengaluru in Karnataka; Pune, Satara and Wardha in Maharashtra; Senapati in Manipur; Bhubaneswar in Odisha; Jaipur and Kota in Rajasthan; Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu; Waragal in Telangana; Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh; Dehradun in Uttarakhand; and Durgapur and Midnapur in West Bengal.