

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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SETTING OF SCIENCE CITIES/ CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government for setting up of science cities/centres in the country;
- (b) the details of the science cities/centres set up in the country during each of the last three years, location wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more science cities/centres in the various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (d) the time by which such cities/centres are likely to be set up in various States of the country; and
- (e) the details of proposals received by the Government from various States to set up such cities/centres in their States and action taken on each of such proposals, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

- (a) Science Cities/Centres in the country are set up by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, based on the requests received from the States/ UTs desirous of having Science Cities/Centres as per approved guidelines prescribed in the "Scheme for Setting Up of Science Cities" A list of Science Cities and Science Centres set up in the country, during each of the last three years, location wise; is at Annexure-I.
- (b) A list of Science Cities and Science Centres set up in the country, during each of the last three years, location wise; is at Annexure-I.
- (c) Setting up of Science Cities/Centres is a continuous process. A list of Science Centres presently being set up by NCSM is at Annexure-II.
- (d) The prescribed period for setting up of Science Cities/Centres is as under:-

About 54 months for a Science City, 33 months for a Science Centre and 27 months for a Sub-Science Centre from the start of construction work of the main building.
- (e) As many as 35 proposals have been received from the State Governments for setting up science cities/centres. All the proposals will be taken up in a phased manner, depending upon the availability of funds, project handling capacity of NCSM and the existing Science Centre etc. activity in that particular State and also commitment and support/initiative of the State/UT Governments desirous of having such Science Centres in their States. NCSM, however, gives priority to proposals from States which do not have any Science Centre as yet or where population is higher and density of Science Centre is low. A list showing the names of the States is at Annexure-III.