

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1696  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/12/2021**

**FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**

**1696. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:**

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government has received foreign assistance through international agreements for carrying out research programmes/ project in the country?**

**(b) if so, the details of the foreign assistance received during each of the last three years and the current year; and**

**(c) the details of the direct and indirect conditions imposed on recipient institutions/ bodies by the donors?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

**(a) & (b): No foreign assistance has been received through international agreements for carrying out research programmes/projects by the Department of Science and Technology and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in the Ministry of Science and Technology.**

**The details of foreign assistance received by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology during each of the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure.**

**(c): The details of the direct and indirect conditions imposed on recipient institutions/bodies under DBT by the donors are as under:**

**Mostly, foreign assistance is governed by program/project specific collaboration agreements, which includes the following;**

**(i) Various terms & conditions with respect to the modalities of the funding, duration of the program, project implementation activities, milestones, data access/contribution framework(s), reports, project monitoring activities etc.**

**(ii) The recipient institutions are required to be not-for-profit and located in India.**

**(iii) All findings are to be submitted to the Funding Agency**

**(iv) Funding should be duly acknowledged in the publications and patents.**

**Annexure to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1696 for 08.12.2021**

**The details of the foreign assistance received during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:**

**(i) The department partnered with Wellcome Trust, UK in 2008 to establish Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP). The program is administered by the trust “DBT/Wellcome Trust-India Alliance”. The program provides opportunities to early, intermediate and senior level researchers to establish their research & academic career in Basic biomedical or Clinical & Public Health in India.**

**The assistance provided to the DBT/Wellcome Trust-India Alliance from Wellcome Trust, UK during last three years and the current year are placed below:**

<b>Amount (INR in Lakhs)</b>			
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22 (Till Date)</b>
<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,987</b>	<b>6,587</b>	<b>--</b>

**(ii) The National Biopharma Mission was approved by the Cabinet for implementation in May 2017 with a total cost US\$ 250 million with 50% co-funding by the World Bank. The mission of the programme is to enable and nurture an ecosystem for preparing India’s technological and product development capabilities in biopharmaceuticals to a level that will be globally competitive over the next decade, and transform the health standards of India’s population through affordable product development.**

**The total assistance provided to the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), for implementation of the National Biopharma Mission in last 3 years and current year is as follows, 50% of which is reimbursed by the World Bank:**

<b>Amount (INR in Lakhs)</b>			
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22 (Till Date)</b>
<b>14,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>--</b>

(iii) The Department and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), came together in 2012 to collaborate on supporting scientific and technological research for the benefit of the people of India and rest of the world. The programme being managed by BIRAC and receives equal contribution from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), USA. In 2016, Wellcome Trust also entered into partnership with PMU-BIRAC to provide translational research thrust into the programs.

The details of the foreign assistance during each of the last three years and the current year is as follows:

<b>Amount (INR in Lakhs)</b>			
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22 (Till Date)</b>
<b>39.82</b>	<b>39.67</b>	<b>37.06</b>	<b>0.73</b>

(iv) The foreign assistance received by Autonomous Institutes of the Department of Biotechnology through various International programs/projects is placed below:

<b>Autonomous Institute</b>	<b>Amount (INR in Lakhs)</b>			
	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22 (Till Date)</b>
<b>DBT-National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi</b>	<b>55.83</b>	<b>15.26</b>	<b>38.80</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>DBT-Translational Health Science And Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad</b>	<b>1707.22</b>	<b>1285.43</b>	<b>301.57</b>	<b>67.61</b>
<b>DBT-Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>DBT-Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad</b>	<b>79.36</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>

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