

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2693**  
ANSWERED ON 23/03/2023

**TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN TAMIL NADU**

2693. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans to set up a Technology Development Centre in Tamil Nadu in view of its huge reservoir of gifted science students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when the said Centre is likely to be set up in Tamil Nadu and the extent to which it will be beneficial; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Sir, there are no such plans to set up a new Technology Development Centre in Tamil Nadu by the Department of Science and Technology as there is already a Centre for Technology Development and Transfer (CTDT) established at Anna University, Chennai in August 2006 to facilitate researchers for carrying out research projects, technology development, and technology transfer. Further, Technology Enabling Centre (TEC) was also established at Anna University with the support of the Department of Science and Technology to facilitate the commercialization of socially relevant technologies. Furthermore, the Department of Science and Technology supported the establishment of seven Technology Demonstration Centres on cold storage units for the preservation of consumables, poly houses to grow various types of crops, harnessing energy (cooking gas) from kitchen biowastes etc. at Annamalai University, Chidambaram; Kalasalingam Academy of Education and Research, Krishnankoil; Horticultural College & Research Institute, Periyakulam; Karimangalam Agri Preservative Farmer Producer Company Limited, Dharmapuri; Vivekananda College, Tiruvedakam West, Madurai; Anbagam Institution for Mentally Handicapped Children, Madurai; Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam; Vivekananda college of Engineering for women, Tiruchengode; and Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal.