

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 5839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017

REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTRES

5839.SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Science cities set up in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to build more Science Centres / Cities / museums under the National Council of Science Museums in all the States of the country and if so, the details thereof along with their present status, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilized to set up these Centres / Cities during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the time by which the said centres/museums are likely to be set up;
- (d) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for balance assistance under Phase-I for the development of Science City and additional funds for Phase II of the same and;
- (e) if so, the present status in regard to release of funds;

MINISTER OF STATE ((IC) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

ANSWER

- (a) The following Science Cities have been set up by Ministry of Culture through National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of Culture.

Sl No.	Names of the Science Cities functioning under NCSM	State-wise location
01	Science City, Kolkata	West Bengal
02	Regional Science City, Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh

In addition, Pushpa Gujral Science City at Kapurtala, Punjab and Gujarat Science City at Ahmedabad, Gujarat have been set up by Council of Pushpa Gujral Science City, Punjab and Gujarat Council of Science City, Gujarat respectively with financial assistance from the Ministry of Culture.

The proposals for setting up of a Science City at Guwahati (in Assam) and Patna (in Bihar) have also been approved.

- (b) The Science Cities Scheme provides for setting up of Science Cities/Centres in all the states of the country subject to availability of funds for this purpose. States desirous of setting up a Science City/Centres under the Science Cities Scheme have to submit proposals as per norms of the Scheme.

List of Science Cities/Centres proposed to be built in the country is enclosed at **Annexure I**.

- (c) Details of funds sanctioned, released and utilized to set up Science Centres/Cities during last 3 years and the current year are enclosed at **Annexure II**.

The Scheme does not specify any time limit for setting up of Science Cities/Science Centres in all States/union Territories. In case of approved projects, the time frame for completion of a Science City as per the Scheme is about 54 months (approx.) from the date of start of the project. In respect of a Science Centre, the required time frame is 27 months (approx.).

- (d) and (e) Ministry of Culture has sanctioned a grant of Rs 9.00 crore as assistance under Phase I for the development of Science City at Ahmedabad and this amount has already been released.

With respect to the request of the Gujarat Govt. for Phase II of the same, Gujarat Govt. has been requested vide Ministry of Culture letter dated 05.09.2016 to submit the proposal in accordance with the revised norms for setting up of Science Cities/Centres which includes a new component for upgradation of a Science City. Response in the matter is still awaited from Govt. of Gujarat.

Annexure 'I'

Annexure referred to Part (b) of reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5839 for 10.04.2017 regarding Regional Science Centres.

Details of target fixed and achievement made so far

List of Science City/Science Centre proposed to be set up in the country
Science City

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Location of the project (Name of State/ Union Territory)	Present status (physical)
01	Science City, Guwahati	Assam	Work is in progress
02	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Science City, Patna.	Bihar	Project has been approved in principle. Commitments as per norms from the State Government are awaited.

Science Centres

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Location of the project (Name of State/ Union Territory)	Present status (physical)
1.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Palampur	Himachal Pradesh	Work is in progress.
2.	Regional Science Centre, Kottayam	Kerala	Work is in progress
3.	Regional Science Centre, Mysore	Karnataka	Work is in progress
4.	Regional Science Centre, Chandigarh	UT, Chandigarh	Project has been approved in principle. Commitments as per norms from the State Government are awaited.
5.	Regional Science Centre, Allahabad/Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	
6.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Bargarh	Odisha	Work is in progress
7.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur	Tripura	
8.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Gaya	Bihar	
9.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Almora	Uttarakhand	
10.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur	Rajasthan	
11.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	Project has been approved in principle. Commitments as per norms from the State Government are awaited.
12.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Srinagar	J & K	
13.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh	
14.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Ambala	Haryana	
15.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Amritsar/Bhatinda	Punjab	
16.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Dadra-Nagar Haveli / Daman & Diu	Dadra-Nagar Haveli / Daman & Diu	
17.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Tumkur	Karnataka	

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5839 for 10.04.2017 regarding Regional Science Centres
Statement showing details of funds released and expenditure incurred for setting up of Science Cities/Centres during the last three years and current year.

Sl. No.	Name of the Science city/centre	Funds sanctioned (project cost)	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
			Fund released	Utilisation	Fund released	Utilisation	Fund released	Utilisation	Fund released	Utilisation
1	Science City, Kolkata	6993.00	395.00	713.90	339.00	954.14	2661.00	1302.64	NIL	NIL
2	Science City, Guwahati, Assam	11000.00	-	1.49	66.670	7.07	-	3.47	NIL	NIL
3	SRSC, Palampur	600.00	100.00	1.22	150.00	41.15	-	40.90	NIL	NIL
4	RSC, Kottayam, Kerala	1450.00	100.00	23.73	-	174.20	-	209.76	NIL	NIL
5	RSC, Mysore, Karnataka	1450.00	100.00	7.81	-	117.03	-	27.84	NIL	NIL
6	SRSC, Udaipur, Tripura	600.00	170.00	39.26	-	88.42	135.00	97.06	NIL	NIL
7	SRSC, Bargarh, Odisha	500.00	50.00	39.27	-	39.10	-	82.32	NIL	NIL
8	SRSC, Udaipur, Rajasthan	500.00	-	-	100.00	0.15	-	0.05	NIL	NIL
9	SRSC, Kokrajhar, Assam	600.00	-	-	146.00	0.52	-	2.07	NIL	NIL
10	SRSC, Mayabundar, A&N Island	600.00	-	-	100.00	0.12	-	0.98	NIL	NIL
11	SRSC, Rajahmundry, A. P.	500.00	-	-	100.00	0.45	-	0.11	NIL	NIL
12	SRSC, Almora, Uttarakhand	600.00	-	-	100.00	0.37	-	0.76	NIL	NIL
13	SRSC, Jabalpur, M.P.	500.00	-	-	100.00	0.50	-	-	NIL	NIL
14	SRSC, Gaya, Bihar	500.00	-	-	-	0.21	50.00	0.34	NIL	NIL

