

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2017**

PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

†853. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme in collaboration with States to promote science and technology in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDHARY)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(श्री वाई. एस. चौधरी)

(a) to (c): No Madam, Ministry of Science & Technology has not prepared any scheme in collaboration with States to promote science and technology in the Country, State-wise. However the Ministry through its Department of Science and Technology (DST) has been implementing State S&T Programme for promotion of Science and Technology (S&T) in the country wherein DST has played a key role proactively in establishing Councils of Science and Technology at State level. These councils carry out S&T based activities including surveys, studies, technology development and demonstration projects. The Councils also prepare and implement State S&T plans and do various promotional programmes such as national science day, mathematics day, science festival, children science congress etc. These Councils are also conducting numerous activities like science essay competition, on-the-spot painting competitions, popular lectures by eminent scientists and officials, exhibition of models, assistive technologies useful for specially-abled, gadgets developed by students, among others.etc.

In addition, Ministry of Science & Technology through its Department of Biotechnology is implementing a Biotech Park Scheme for supporting biotech parks along with State Government.
