

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5999
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4/4/2018**

PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

†5999. 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 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री, पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री और पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)

(a) to (c): No Madam, Ministry of Science and 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 & Technology (DST) has been implementing State Science and Technology Programme for promotion of Science & 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, exhibitions 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 in collaboration with State Governments.
