

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1883
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.7.2018

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE

1883. Shrimati Rita Tarai:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct / set up Science Centres in each and every district of various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details there-of State-wise and district-wise including Gujarat and Rajasthan;
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise and the time by which the said Science Centres are likely to be constructed/ established;
- (d) whether the proposal for establishment of sub-regional science centres in Keonjhar, Jeypore and Khandapada submitted by the Government of Odisha to the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkotta and Ministry of Culture is lying pending with the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved/finalised?

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHAGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

ANSWER

- (a) The Ministry of Culture operates Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPOCS) which provides for setting up of Science Cities and Science Centres in all the States of the country subject to availability of funds for the purpose. States willing to avail of this Scheme has to provide land and share the cost of setting up of facility and corpus for upkeep and maintenance.
- (b) The list of state-wise and district wise Science Centres including those in the State of Gujarat and Rajasthan is placed at Annexure I.

- (c) A list of Science Centres being set up along with the funds allocated is at Annexure II.

There is no specific time frame in the Scheme in which Science Cities/Centres are to be set up in each State/UT, since setting up of a Science City/Centre depends on the receipt of a proposal from the State Government along with commitments for meeting requirements such as land, fund etc. As per SPOCS, approximate Project time line in respect of Science Centre (Category-I), Science Centre (Category-II) and Science Centre (Category-III) is 34 months, 27 months and 24 months respectively from the date of placing of order for construction of building.

- (d) No such proposal is pending in the Ministry of Culture.
- (e) Deptt. of Science & Technology, Govt. Of Odisha has been informed in May, 2016 that these proposals could be set up under Scheme "C" of the Science Cities Scheme, i.e. the State Govt. Shall fully fund the Science Centre Project and set up the Science Centre with the technical support from National Council of Science Museums, which is the nodal agency for implementation of the SPOCS (erstwhile Science Cities Scheme). No response has been received from the Govt. of Odisha.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to (b) of Lok Sabha US Qn 1883 for 30.7.2018

Sl. no.	Names of the Science Centres	State-wise location
01	Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Kolkata	West Bengal
02	Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai	Maharashtra
03	National Science Centre, Delhi	New Delhi
04	Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, Bangalore	Karnataka
05	Shri Krishna Science Centre, Patna	Bihar
06	Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar	Odisha
07	Raman Science Centre and Planetarium, Nagpur	Maharashtra
08	Regional Science Centre, Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
09	Regional Science Centre, Guwahati	Assam
10	Regional Science Centre, Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
11	Regional Science Centre & Planetarium, Calicut	Kerala
12	Kurukshetra Panorama & Science Centre, Kurukshetra	Haryana
13	Bardhaman Science Centre, Bardhaman	West Bengal
14	District Science Centre, Purulia	West Bengal
15	District Science Centre, Digha	West Bengal
16	North Bengal Science Centre & Planetarium, Siliguri	West Bengal
17	Dhenkanal Science Centre, Dhenkanal & Kapilas Sc. Park	Odisha
18	District Science Centre & Planetarium, Dharampur	Gujarat
19	Goa Science Centre & Planetarium, Panaji	Goa
20	District Science Centre & Planetarium, Gulbarga	Karnataka
21	District Science Centre & Planetarium, Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu
22.	Science Centre, Port Blair,	A & N Island
23	Mizoram Science Centre, Aizwal	Mizoram
24	Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur,	Nagaland
25	Manipur Science Centre, Manipur	Manipur
26	Itanagar Science Centre, Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
27	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong,	Meghalaya
28	Sikkim Science Centre & Planetarium, Gangtok	Sikkim
29	Sub-Regional Science Centres, Kalimpong	West Bengal
30	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Solapur	Maharashtra
31	Regional Science Centre, Ranchi	Jharkhand
32	Regional Science Centre, Dharwad	Karnataka
33	Regional Science Centre, Raipur	Chattisgarh
34	Regional Science Centre, Dehradun	Uttarakhand
35	Regional Science Centre, Jaipur	Rajasthan
36	Regional Science Centre, Pune	Maharashtra
37	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Jodhpur	Rajasthan
38	Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium, Jorhat	Assam
39	Regional Science Centre, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
40	Regional Science Centre, Pilikula, Mangalore	Karnataka
41	Sub-Regional Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry	Puducherry

Annexure referred to in reply to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Qn. No. 1883 for 30.07.2018.

Annexure II
(Figures in Lakh)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Funds sanctioned (project cost)	Ratio of sharing of fund between MOC & State Govt.	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18 (upto 31.03.2018)	
					Fund released		Fund released		Fund released		Fund released	
					MOC	State	MOC	State	MOC	State	MOC	State
1.	Kerala	RSC, Kottayam	1450.00	50:50	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Karnataka	RSC, Mysore	1450.00	50:50	100.00	537.00	-	-	-	-	-	188.00
3.	Uttarakhand	RSC, Dehradun*	1265.00	50:50	196.50	-	-	196.50	-	-	-	-
4.	Himachal Pradesh	SRSC, Palampur	600.00	100:00	100.00	-	150.00	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Odisha	SRSC, Bargarh	500.00	50:50	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Tripura	SRSC, Udaipur	600.00	90:10	170.00	60.00	-	-	135.00	-	-	-
7.	Bihar	SRSC, Gaya	500.00	50:50	-	-	-	-	50.00	250.00	-	-
8.	Uttarakhand	SRSC, Almora	600.00	100:00	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	45.00
9.	Rajasthan	SRSC, Udaipur	500.00	50:50	-	-	100.00	-	-	250.00	-	-
10.	Madhya Pradesh	SRSC, Jabalpur	500.00	50:50	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	300.00
11.	Assam	SRSC, Kokrajhar	600.00	90:10	-	-	146.00	-	-	60.00	-	-
12.	A&N Islands	SRSC, Mayabundar	600.00	90:10	-	-	100.00	60.00	-	-	-	-
13.	Andhra Pradesh	SRSC, Rajahmundry	500.00	50:50	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-

*RSC, Dehradun was inaugurated and handed over to the State Govt. Authority on 3rd February, 2016.