

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1417
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018)**

HIGH END SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

**1417. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:**

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Research Laboratory CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH) proposes to establish High End Skill Development Centres on the principle of “no-profit, no-loss” basis in collaboration with German science and technology company, Merck;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of High End Skill Development Centres proposed to be set up;**
- (d) whether the Union Government has identified the places where these centres are to be set up;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the facilities proposed to be provided in these centres; and**
- (f) the extent to which it will help in scaling employability skills for graduates and post graduates who are aspiring to make a career in life science sector?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

- (a)&(b) Yes, Madam. CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Merck Life Sciences Private Limited to establish ‘High End Skill Development Centres’ at CSIR-IMTECH on the principle of “no-profit, no-loss”. Equipped with the next generation technologies, like gene editing & single-molecule biomarker detection, the centre will help train Indian students and researchers in latest life science technologies and make them industry ready.**

(c) High End Skill Development Centre is proposed to be established in CSIR-IMTECH at present.

(d)&(e) Does not arise.

(f) The centre will help researchers and students develop advanced competencies and analytical skills required for life science research through conducting trainings on advanced processes, tools and techniques. The centre would act as a platform for hands-on learning as well.
