

**Government of India  
Ministry of Science and Technology  
Department of Biotechnology**

**LOK SABHA  
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**3104. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:**

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

- a. the aims and objectives of Biotechnology Incubation centre (BIC) in Hyderabad;
- b. the details of projects/initiatives that the BIC has taken up during the last five years and the current year, year-wise and achievements of such initiatives;
- c. whether any budgetary support has been provided to above incubation centre during the last three years;
- d. if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor with the manner in which the Government proposes to develop India as biotech hub without adequate funding; and
- e. the status of other biotech parks in the country?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of Science & Technology, Health & Family Welfare and Earth Sciences**

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- a. The Biotechnology Incubation Centre (BIC), Hyderabad aims to provide infrastructural facilities to startups and incubatees to facilitate development and commercialization of bioprocesses and products. The objectives of BIC, Hyderabad are as under, namely:-
  - (i) To accelerate the commercialization of new technologies;
  - (ii) To nurture and mentor emerging ventures; and,
  - (iii) To assist new enterprises and forge appropriate linkages with other biotech companies, academia and government.
- b. To provide support to the incubatees of BIC and the Biotech firms in the Genome valley, an Advanced Analytical and Characterization Resource (AACR) facility has been established in September 2016. The facility is running successfully and an amount of Rs. 80 Lakhs (Approximately) was earned from September 2016 till 31 October 2019.

13 incubatees have graduated from the BIC, Hyderabad during the last 5 years and currently the same number of industries/start-ups are availing the incubator area/facility at BIC, Hyderabad. Many of the graduated incubatees have moved on and set up their own facilities.

c. & d. No budgetary support has been given to BIC, Hyderabad during the last three years.

The Department of Biotechnology sanctioned the BIC, Hyderabad project for a period of three years on 11.03.2004 and subsequently the support was extended upto 31.03.2008. Creation of Biotech parks is being pursued by the Department of Biotechnology to encourage the State Governments to come forward in scale up activities related to biotechnology sector and make India a biotech hub.

e. Status of other Biotech parks in the country is as under, namely:-

The Department of Biotechnology in total has established nine parks in the various states and Union Territories. Details of ongoing Biotechnology Parks aided by Department of Biotechnology are as follows:

- i. Biotech Park Technology Incubation Centre, Guwahati, Assam
- ii. Biotechnology Incubation Centre, Cochin, Kerala
- iii. Industrial Biotechnology Parks (IBTPs), Jammu & Kashmir
- iv. Chhattisgarh Biotech Park

Following Biotech parks have been completed and are under the supervision of the State Governments, namely:-

- i. Biotech Park, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- ii. Tidco Centre for Life Sciences (TICEL) Biotech Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- iii. The Golden Jubilee Biotech Park for Women, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- iv. Biotechnology Incubation Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana
- v. Biotechnology Park, Bangalore, Karnataka

The Biotechnology parks have created shared infrastructure and high end equipment facilities along with incubation space for promoting entrepreneurship development in Biotechnology sector. Several incubatees have been benefitted from this support.

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