

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2088  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

**SCIENCE CENTRES**

**2088. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:**

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up Science Centres and Zonal Systems to support research in all States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received requests from many State Governments to promote research and development works in their States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION  
(G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a): Yes, Sir. National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, has developed a chain of science museums and science centres throughout the Country including Science Cities through Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) for portraying the growth of science and technology and their application in industry and human welfare, with a view to develop scientific attitude and temper in the country as also to conduct research in science and technology in the areas pertaining to the activities of the Council.

NCSM has taken up projects for setting up of new science centres under SPoCS Scheme of Govt. of India as per list attached at Annexure-'I'.

Currently, 25 Science Museums/Science Centres in the country are functioning under the administrative control of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) as per list attached at Annexure-'II'.

NCSM in collaboration with State Governments and UTs have set up 22 Science Centres and handed there over to respective State Government for subsequent operation and maintenance as per list attached at Annexure-'III'.

- (b)&(c): This Ministry has not received any specific request from State Governments to promote research and development works in their States.

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**Annexure-'I'****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED  
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New Science Centre projects taken up by NCSM under SPoCS Scheme of Govt. of India

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Names of the new science centre projects taken up by NCSM under SPOCS Scheme of Govt. of India</b>	<b>Located in State/UT</b>
01	Science City, Guwahati	Assam
02	Regional Science Centre, Kottayam	Kerala
03	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Palampur	Himachal Pradesh
04	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Gaya	Bihar
05	Sub- Regional Science Centre, Almora	Uttarakhand
06	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur	Rajasthan
07	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Mayabundar	A&N Islands
08	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Kokrajhar	Assam
09	Science Centre, (Category-II) Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh
10	Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Science City, Patna	Bihar
11	Science Centre (Cat-II), Ambala	Haryana
12	Science Centre (Cat-II), Srinagar *	Jammu & Kashmir
13	Science Centre (Cat-II), Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh
14	Science City, Dehradun	Uttarakhand
<b><u>New Projects Approved by MoC</u></b>		
01	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Jabalpur <sup>#</sup>	Madhya Pradesh
02	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Ajmer <sup>##</sup>	Rajasthan
03	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Kanyakumari <sup>\$</sup>	Tamil Nadu
04	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Bikaner <sup>**</sup>	Rajasthan

\* Project approved by MoC. MoU signed. Work yet to start, as the State Government is to release share of Corpus fund and inform regarding site development as per site requirement.

# Clearance of land is awaited from Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

## MoU yet to signed. Funds released by State Govt.

\$ MoU signed but funds yet to be released by State Govt.

\*\* Project approved by MoC. MoU yet to signed. Funds to be released by State Govt.

**Annexure-II****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED  
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Science Museums/Science Centres set up by NCSM  
and are functioning under the administrative control of NCSM

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the NCSM Unit</b>	<b>Year of Establishment</b>	<b>Located in State/UT</b>
1.	Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Kolkata	May 02 , 1959	West Bengal
2.	Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, Bangalore	July 27,1965	Karnataka
3.	Shri Krishna Science Centre, Patna	Apr 14,1978	Bihar
4.	District Science Centre, Purulia	Dec 15,1982	West Bengal
5.	District Science Centre, Gulbarga	Jan 6,1984	Karnataka
6.	District Science Centre, Dharampur	Apr 27,1984	Gujarat
7.	Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai	Nov 11 , 1985	Maharashtra
8.	District Science Centre, Tirunelveli	Feb 27,1987	Tamil Nadu
9.	Regional Science Centre, Lucknow	Sept 7, 1989	Uttar Pradesh
10.	Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar	Sep 18,1989	Odisha
11.	National Science Centre, Delhi	Jan 9,1992	Delhi
12.	Raman Science Centre & Planetarium, Nagpur	Mar 7,1992	Maharashtra
13.	Central Research & Training Laboratory, Kolkata	Mar 13 , 1993	West Bengal
14.	Regional Science Centre, Tirupati	Sep 23,1993	Andhra Pradesh
15.	District Science Centre, Bardhaman	Jan 9,1994	West Bengal
16.	Regional Science Centre, Guwahati	Mar 18 , 1994	Assam
17.	Regional Science Centre, Bhopal	Jan 12, 1995	Madhya Pradesh
18.	District Science Centre, Dhenkanal	June 5,1995	Odisha
19.	Sc. Park, Kapilas	June 5,1995	Odisha
20.	Regional Science Centre & Planetarium, Calicut	Jan 30, 1997	Kerala
21.	Science City, Kolkata	July 1,1997	West Bengal
22.	North Bengal Science Centre, Siliguri	Aug 17,1997	West Bengal
23.	Digha Science Centre , Digha	Aug 31,1997	West Bengal
24.	Kurukshetra Panorama And Science Centre, Kurukshetra	Mar 6,2001	Haryana
25.	Goa Science Centre, Panjim	Dec 19,2001	Goa

**Annexure-III****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED  
QUESTION NO. 2088 FOR 02.08.2021****Science Centres developed by NCSM  
and handed over to States/UT's after inauguration**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Science Centers/Museums</b>	<b>Year of Establishment</b>	<b>Located in State/UT</b>
1.	Science Centre, Port Blair	May 30, 2003	A & N Island
2.	Mizoram Science Centre, Aizwal	July 26, 2003	Mizoram
3.	Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur	September 14, 2004	Nagaland
4.	Manipur Science Centre, Manipur	May 18, 2005	Manipur
5.	Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre, Itanagar	Dec 3, 2005	Arunachal Pradesh
6.	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya	Feb 27, 2006	Meghalaya
7.	Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok	February 22, 2008	Sikkim
8.	Sub-Regional Science Centres, Kalimpong	October 2, 2008	West Bengal
9.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Solapur	February 14, 2010	Maharashtra
10.	Regional Science Centre, Ranchi	November 29, 2010	Jharkhand
11.	Dharwad Regional Science Centre	February 27, 2012	Karnataka
12.	Chhattisgarh Science Centre, Raipur	July 13, 2012	Chhattisgarh
13.	Regional Science Centre, Jaipur	December 29, 2012	Rajasthan
14.	PimpriChinchwad Science Centre, Pune	February 8, 2013	Maharashtra
15.	Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium	July 6, 2013	Assam
16.	Regional Science Centre, Coimbatore	May 6, 2013	Tamilnadu
17.	Sub Regional Science Centre, Jodhpur	August 17, 2013	Rajasthan
18.	Regional Science Centre, Pilikula, Mangalore	October 01, 2014	Karnataka
19.	Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry	May 03, 2015	Puducherry
20.	Regional Science Centre, Dehradun	Feb 03, 2016	Uttarakhand
21.	Bargarh Science Centre, Bargarh	January 21, 2020	Odisha
22	Udaipur Science Centre, Tripura	February 28,2021	Tripura

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