

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3546
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021**

SETTING UP OF SCIENCE CENTRES IN ALL STATES

**3546. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up science centres and Zonal mechanism for research assistance in all States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from the State Governments for promoting research and development work in their respective States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(e): Under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS), National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, has developed a chain of Science Cities/ Science Centres/ Innovation Hubs throughout the Country.

As per the scheme guidelines, the projects are taken up on receipt of the proposal from State-Govt/UTs with commitments of encumbrance free land, cost of the project (capital & corpus), operation, manpower and management of the project etc.

List of new projects that are in progress in various States/UTs under SPoCS Scheme is attached at **Annexure-A**. A list of projects which have been approved by MoC and are in the pipeline is placed at **Annexure-B**.

ANNEXURE-A**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)to(e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3546 FOR 20.12.2021****New Science Centre projects taken up by NCSM under SPoCS Scheme of Govt. of India**

Sl. No.	Names of the new science centre projects taken up by NCSM under SPOCS Scheme of Govt. of India	Located in State/UT
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), Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh
13	Science City, Dehradun	Uttarakhand

ANNEXURE-B

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)to(e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
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New Projects approved by MoC under SPoCS Scheme of Govt. of India

Sl. No.	Names of the new projects approved by MoC	Located in State/UT
01	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Jabalpur [#]	Madhya Pradesh
02	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Ajmer ^{##}	Rajasthan
03	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Kanyakumari ^{\$}	Tamil Nadu
04	Science Centre, (Cat-II) Bikaner ^{**}	Rajasthan
05	Science Centre (Cat-II), Srinagar [*]	Jammu & Kashmir

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

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

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

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

***** 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.
