GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1663 ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

FUNDS ALLOCATION TO CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated to various Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (b) the breakup of CoEs currently functioning, along with their key research focus areas Ministry-wise and sector-wise;
- (c) whether the Government recognises the critical role of Research and Development (R&D) investment in long-term national development;
- (d) if so, whether it plans to increase funding and support to CoEs in emerging and strategic sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

(a) The details of funds allocated to various Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years is as given below:

Details about the Centre of Excellence	Funds allocated in last three years (in Crores)
IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation at IIT Madras, Chennai	Rs. 133.93 Cr.
IIT Madras in association with C-DoT, Chennai	Rs. 5.17 Cr.
PSG CT- Science and Technology Entrepreneurial Park (PG- STEP), Coimbatore	Rs. 7.66 Cr.
Vel Tech Technology Incubator, Chennai	Rs. 1.68 Cr.

(b) The breakup of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) currently functioning, along with their key research focus areas is as given below:

	Centres of		
Sector	Excellence (CoEs)	key research focus areas / Sector	
	IISc Bengaluru	Quantum Computing	
	IIT Madras in		
Quantum	association with C-	Quantum Communication	
Technology	DoT		
	IIT Bombay	Quantum Sensing & Metrology	
	IIT Delhi	Quantum Materials & Devices	
	DST- IIT Bombay.	Energy Storage Platform on Hydrogen	
	DST- NFTDC	Energy Storage Platform on	
		Hydrogen	
Clean Energy	DST-IIT Delhi	Energy Storage Platform on Batteries	
	DST-IISc , Bengluru	Energy Storage Platform on Supercapacitors	
	DST-IISER	Integrated Clean Energy Material	
	Thiruvananthapuram	Acceleration Platform on Storage	
	DST-IIT Hyderabad	Integrated Clean Energy Material	
		Acceleration Platform on	
		Bioenergy and Hydrogen	
	IIT Delhi	Smart Manufacturing	
	CSIR – NML,	Wear and Corrosion Resistant	
	Jamshedpur	Coatings Technology	
	IIT Donor	Wear and Corrosion Resistant	
	IIT Ropar	Coatings Technology	
	IIT Patna	Wear and Corrosion Resistant	
		Coatings Technology	
	IISc Bengaluru	Specialty Chemicals	
	CeNSE, Indian		
	Institute of Science,	Electronic Grade Materials	
	Bengaluru	Manufacturing for Piezo MEMS	
	CSIR-NAL,	Manufacturing for Piezo MEMS	
Advanced	Bengaluru		
Manufacturing	CSIR NCL Pune	Specialty Chemicals	
	Foundation for		
	Innovation and		
	Technology Transfer (FITT) Indian	Semiconductor, Electronics	
	Institute of		
	Technology, Delhi,		
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Sector	Centres of Excellence (CoEs)	key research focus areas / Sector
Health	IIT Kanpur	Anti Microbial Resistance (AMR)
Waste Management	VNIT Nagpur	Agriculture residue management
	Chitkara University, Rajpura, Punjab	Agriculture residue management
Sector Agnostic Centre of Excellence for Start-up promotions	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), Ahmedabad	Sector Agnostic
	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Broad Spectrum
	Kalinga Institute of Technology University, Bhubaneswar	Digital Healthcare, Agritech, MedTech
	PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore	Advance Technologies
	Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai	Manufacturing, Digital Enterprises & E waste and plastic waste management.
	CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune	Inventive Enterprises, Biotech/Biomed/Healthcare/Agro, Energy/environment sustainability
	T-hub, Hyderabad	AI, ML
	IIT Kanpur	MedTech
	IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation at IIT Madras, Chennai	Technology Incubation Hub

(c) to (e): Research, Development, and Innovation have played a pivotal role in propelling India's socio-economic progress, a fact well recognized by the Government of India. To further strengthen the nation's research and development ecosystem, the government has consistently increased funding through successive budget allocations for various science ministries. Several high-impact technology missions have been launched in emerging and strategic domains such as Quantum Science and Technology, Cyber-Physical

Systems, Geospatial Technologies, Bio-manufacturing, and Advanced Materials.

In a major policy advancement, the government has established the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) to provide strategic direction for research, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the country. During the inaugural meeting of the ANRF Governing Board, several key interventions were endorsed to enhance the science and technology ecosystem, particularly through aligning research and development efforts with national priorities. The ANRF is poised to implement a wide range of programs including CoEs in emerging and strategic domains aimed at accelerating India's scientific and technological progress. In this direction, a call for setting up of Convergence CoEs have been launched by ANRF with the aim to address complex societal challenges by bringing together expertise from various fields to develop innovative and impactful solutions.
