

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1818
ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025**

**NITI AAYOG RECOMMENDATION FOR A CUT IN CORE GRANT SUPPORT TO
STATE S&T COUNCILS**

1818. ADV K. FRANCIS GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether NITI Aayog has recommended for a cut in 'core grant support' for State Science and Technology (S&T) councils and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Government is planning to initiate 'Project based support' henceforth to State S&T Councils as recommended by NITI Aayog;**
- (c) if so, the details of fund given to States S&T councils annually by the Government, State wise; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to reconsider the recommendation of NITI Aayog and continue liberal funding to State S&T councils to execute research and development in tune with their specific socio-economic conditions and if so, the details thereof?**

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 report titled “A Roadmap for Strengthening State S&T Councils” released by NITI Aayog on 10.07.2025, recommends that the support given to State S&T Councils by Department of Science and Technology (DST), should be project-based grant, focused on their capabilities and performance. It further recommends discontinuing core annual grant, except for continued support to smaller councils in North Eastern region and Union Territories. These recommendations are the outcome of the regional consultative meetings of NITI Aayog with State S&T Councils. The report recommends widening of the support base through greater financial ownership by the States and enhanced project-based financial support from various Central Government Ministries and Departments, including performance-based grants and increased linkages.**

(b) to (d): DST has been providing project based support to State S&T Councils and in the last five years, 187 projects have been sanctioned to the State S&T Councils, viz., Establishment of Patent Information Centres, Women Technology Parks, SC/ST Cells, Climate Change Centres/Cells, Organizing Children Science Congress, Celebration of National Science Day and Mathematics Day etc.

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under its North Eastern Region (NER) programme has sanctioned 4 projects to State S&T Councils during last five years regarding sustainable utilization of bio-resources, Biotech Hub etc. The details of funds released to S&T Councils under these projects during last five years, state-wise, are given in the Annexure.

The Government of India continues supporting and strengthening the State level, Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Ecosystem by enabling State S&T Councils in several domains with respect to their socio-economic conditions.

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT Council	Released funds (In Rs. Lakhs)					
		FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25	Total
A. Department of Science and Technology							
1	Andhra Pradesh	5.00	17.00	20.00	-	25.35	67.35
2	Arunachal Pradesh	134.33	18.50	32.00	28.60	65.07	278.50
3	Assam	62.46	11.50	30.00	37.20	15.20	156.36
4	Bihar	0.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
5	Chhattisgarh	9.30	21.30	39.43	28.00	12.00	110.03
6	Goa	9.50	16.70	10.32	-	42.48	79.00
7	Gujarat	11.50	29.75	349.29	51.50	15.20	457.24
8	Haryana	12.00	12.00	25.04	-	45.49	94.53
9	Himachal Pradesh	21.69	30.15	22.00	9.60	24.00	107.44
10	Karnataka	334.98	20.00	171.97	125.10	35.00	687.05
11	Kerala	258.38	25.40	22.00	119.25	117.83	542.86
12	Madhya Pradesh	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	213.22	293.22
13	Maharashtra	-	16.00	16.00	16.00	20.00	68.00
14	Manipur	25.49	-	12.00	12.00	12.00	61.49
15	Meghalaya	6.00	16.70	12.00	20.30	17.39	72.39
16	Mizoram	172.35	24.75	45.13	12.00	34.69	288.92
17	Nagaland	-	-	-	66.28	24.00	90.28
18	Punjab	311.92	40.39	186.83	72.47	99.69	711.3
19	Rajasthan	11.00	-	-	-	-	11.00
20	Sikkim	285.65	15.00	243.64	52.72	53.48	650.49

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		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Total
21	Tamil Nadu	106.04	20.00	186.25	-	90.00	402.29
22	Telangana	11.00	365.42	41.62	142.00	54.41	614.45
23	Tripura	191.87	12.00	-	-	-	203.87
24	Uttarakhand	21.82	130.92	56.30	21.04	89.46	319.54
25	West Bengal	44.60	42.41	92.68	-	58.52	238.21
Sub Total (A)		2066.88	925.89	1654.5	854.06	1184.48	6685.81
B. Department of Biotechnology							
1	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	20.84	-	11.49	32.33
2	Manipur	-	-	-	-	10.04	10.04
3	Mizoram	-	53.73	-	-	29.96	83.69
4	Nagaland	-	-	11.49	-	-	11.49
Sub Total (B)		-	53.73	32.33	-	51.49	137.55
Total (A+B)		2066.88	979.62	1686.83	854.06	1235.97	6823.36
