

Need to facilitate States to participate and contribute in the process of development of National Quantum Mission? Laid

SHRI G. KUMAR NAIK (RAICHUR): I welcome the Centre's decision to invest in the National Quantum Mission. But, as the experience of the Semiconductor Program shows, India must now ensure better coordination and a clear roadmap to prevent stalled projects and shelved proposals. Despite ₹76,000 crore allocated, India is yet to commission a single commercial semiconductor fab, and clarity on job creation remains absent. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka has already laid out a comprehensive vision. This includes not just infrastructure development, but the fostering of a robust scientific ecosystem. As India produces 91,000+ graduates annually in quantum-relevant fields second only to the EU, institutions like IISc and the state's thriving startup ecosystem offer a strong foundation. With this objective, Karnataka hosted a successful Quantum Technology Summit 2025, invited two Nobel Laureates, and announced a ₹1,000 crore Quantum Fund. Initiatives like a dedicated Quantum Research Park, Q-City, Fabline, and coursework in 20+ colleges are underway. India's deep-tech success hinges on cooperative federalism. I urge the Centre to treat states not merely as fund recipients, but as co-creators. The window of opportunity is open, but only for those ready to collaborate and act with conviction.