

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the location, main objectives and the budgetary provision for the financial year of 2002-2003 for the National Institute for Science, Technology and Development Studies under CSIR;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to merge NISTAD with some other Institute of CSIR ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) The National Institute of Science, Technology & Development Studies (NISTADS), a constituent institute of CSIR, is located in New Delhi.

The institute is mandated

- to carry out research in various areas of science and technology studies,
- to provide consultancy services and undertake sponsored research and commissioned studies for international and national agencies,
- to build , maintain and provide services based on information data bank in science policy areas and archives of science and technology,
- to provide training to scholars and functionaries from India and other developing countries in the areas of expertise of the Institute.

The Budgetary allocation for the financial year 2002-2003 for NISTADS was Rs. 514.50 lakhs.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.