

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5993
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2005
INDO-SINO JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

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

- (a) whether India and China are keen to form a Joint Steering Committee of the two countries for promoting joint venture in the field of Science and Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement has been signed with China in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Minister of State (Science & Technology and Ocean Development) and the visiting State Councillor from China, during their Meeting in New Delhi held on November 17, 2004, agreed to set up a Joint Steering Committee in Science and Technology with Minister of State (Science & Technology and Ocean Development) and the Chinese Minister for Science and Technology as the Co-Chairman to promote Science and Technology cooperation between the two countries. This was further reiterated in a Joint Statement signed during the recent visit of the Chinese Premier to India by the two Prime Ministers. No agreement has been signed.