

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

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PROJECTS UNDER TIFAC  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether during the decade 1992-2003 the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) sanctioned more than 150 projects;
- (b) if so, the number out of these sanctioned projects not completed or only partially completed;
- (c) whether technologies developed by the TIFAC have not been commercialized; and
- (d) if so, the reason therefore?

**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. During the period 213 projects were sanctioned under the Home Grown Technologies Mission, Advanced Composites Technologies Mission and Fly Ash Mission and Umbrella Scheme on Technology Vision 2020 projects in Mission Mode.
- (b) Out of 213 projects sanctioned, 50 projects are ongoing and 13 projects are partially completed/ not completed.
- (c) & (d): Commercialisation of technologies was attempted in all the cases and the private entrepreneurs attempted to implement the same. However, they failed to carry it beyond a point due to extreme criticality of targeted technologies which they felt might become unviable due to changed market conditions. It may be noted that projects with a significant innovation/technology development element are inherently unpredictable with regard to their outcome.