

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

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to set-up science museum in every district for the development of knowledge of younger generation;
- (b) if so, by when; and
- (c) if not, the plan for the development of Science & Technology?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) However, the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture is primarily engaged in setting up science museums and organizing a wide range of activities/ interactive programmes with the aim of supplementing science education in schools and colleges. As on date NCSM administers 28 science centres and science museums all over India. Ministry of Culture supports establishing science cities/regional science centres and sub-regional science centres. Science cities, regional science centres, sub-regional science centres are established in cities, rural and urban areas, on the basis of cost sharing between the Central and State Governments.