

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

- (a) whether an agreement to set up an Indian Technology Centre in Moscow to promote commercial use of Russian Technology was signed during the Union Minister's visit to Moscow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the aims and objectives of the Centre;
- (c) whether Russia is the only country of the World with which India has the largest integrated long term programme of scientific and technological cooperation involving thousands of scientists of the best labs and research institutes of the two countries; and
- (d) the extent to which the setting up of IT centre in Moscow will give further boost to the Science and Technology aspect of the two countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) During the visit of the Union Minister to Moscow in September 2005, Science Ministers of India and Russia agreed to set up the Indo-Russian Technology Centre in Moscow to promote commercial use of Russian Technology.
- (b) The primary aims and objectives of the proposed Centre would be to identify, assess, and facilitate transfer of technologies.
- (c) Yes, Sir. India has an Integrated Long Term Programme (ILTP) with Russia only, which is our biggest scientific collaboration programme, though we have such major scientific interaction with several other countries.
- (d) The proposed Centre would greatly boost activities related to transfer of available and jointly developed high technologies to industry.