

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRES BY CAPART
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of CAPART in promoting innovative rural technologies in the villages, especially those catering to disadvantaged sections of the society;
- (b) whether CAPART has accepted only 26 out of 879 projects developed by the Department of Science through a process of intensive field studies;
- (c) if so, the reasons for non-acceptance of all the projects;
- (d) the number of Technology Research Centres functioning in the country as on date, State-wise; and
- (e) the time-frame within which each district of the country will have a Technology Research Centre?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) The Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) promotes and supports projects on innovative rural technologies for the benefit of rural masses, especially the disadvantaged sections of society. Since inception, CAPART has sanctioned 2420 projects involving an amount of Rs.114.75 crores till 28-02-2006.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Twenty three (23) Technology Resource Centres (TRCs) are functioning in the country in the following States: -

Sr. No State Number

1	Andhra Pradesh	02
2	Jharkhand	02
3	Gujarat	01
4	Himachal Pradesh	02
5	Karnataka	01
6	Kerala	02
7	Maharashtra	03
8	Madhya Pradesh	01
9	Rajasthan	01
10	Tamil Nadu	05
11	Tripura	01
12	Uttaranchal	01
13	West Bengal	01

(e) CAPART's mandate includes identification of eligible and appropriate technical capacity building NGOs so as to increase the number of Technology Resource Centres (TRCs) in different areas of the country. Indication of a specific time frame is linked to this development of technical expertise of selected NGOs in each District.