

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to bring about economic development and prosperity through science and technology in the all important agriculture and energy sector of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Science & Technology through Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) has undertaken select technology demonstration projects in limited areas in states of Bihar, Eastern UP, Uttaranchal, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim and Orissa. The demonstration projects include systems of approach towards increasing productivity of mainly rice and wheat; cultivation of off season vegetables; large scale production of disease free planting materials of large cardamom, citrus, ginger and other vegetables; creation of microwater resources and their efficient utilization for increase in crop productivity and intensity. Energy security through the generation of more clean energy and saving of energy by solid state lighting and other methods to reduce distribution and transmission losses are also priority areas of the Government. These are ongoing efforts in the agriculture and energy sectors.