

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SCIENCE CITY PROJECT IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government to release Rs.41 crores for the Science city project
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government had requested to release Rs.41.00 crores for the Science City, Gujarat. Later discussions were held with the Gujarat Council of Science City (GCSC), the Executing Agency, and they were impressed upon during discussions to submit a proposal within the norms for setting up science cities. The Council accordingly submitted a revised proposal fixing the cost of the project at Rs.88.49 crores and requested the Department of Culture, Government of India for a grant of Rs.9.00 crores, out of which, Rs.4.00 crores has already been released to the Council.