

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY IN NORTHERN INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Northern India is lagging behind in the science and technology development and research;
- (b) If so, the steps the Government proposes to take to promote science and technology development in Northern India ;
- (c) Whether Government is considering to set up an Indian Institute of Science and Technology in backward areas particularly in Northern India; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a)&(b) : The Government has been promoting science & technology development and research in the country by way of setting up scientific institutions, universities and funding extramural research & development (R&D) in various institutions across the country. In this context, the Northern India is not lagging behind in S&T infrastructure and research.

(c) & (d):Yes, Sir. Government has decided to set up an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Mohali, Punjab, in order to give further boost to basic research.