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BIO-TECH MANAGEMENT CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Bio-tech Management Centre and Biotechnology Industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c) The Department of Biotechnology has no proposal to setup 'Biotech Management Centre and Biotechnology Industry'.

However, the department has proposed in the projections for 11th Five Year Plan, proposals to establish the following:

- (i) Establishment of National Technology Management Center in Biotechnology which would act as a nodal agency for Technology Transfer (TT) and network with Universities & National Research Institutions in the country. Its activities will include processing and evaluation of technologies; IPR facilitation and protection; marketing of technologies; capacity building programmes in Technology Transfer; and translating innovative capacity of Indian R & D organisations and Universities involved in biotech research for further technological and economic development in the country.
- (ii) Establishment of Biotechnology Industry Research and Development Assistance Council(BIRAC) which would help in assisting Small and Medium Enterprises (SME`s) to meet the new challenges they face in developing technology validation and manufacturing processes and services. BIRAC would offer a range of services specially designed to help SME`s access key resources, new technologies, testing and validation facilities and financial assistance at the right time. The above two activities shall be implemented during 2007-2012 depending upon the approval of 11th Plan proposals.