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Title: Regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 126th Report of Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment & Forests pertaining to Department of Science and Industrial Research.

12.04 hrs.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Sibal, you can lay the Statements on the Table.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I beg to lay the Statement on the Table of the House.

*I am making this statement in pursuance of Direction No. 73A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha issued vide Lok Sabha Bulletin, Part II, dated 1st September, 2004 to inform the esteemed House about the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One hundred twenty sixth report of Department Related Parliament Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests. This report relates to the consideration of the Demands for Grants of Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) for the year 2004-05. The Committee reviewed the progress made by DSIR during the reporting period and considered the Demands for Grants (2004-05) in detail.

The Committee, while reviewing the working and considering the detailed Demands for Grants of DSIR, analyzed the Demands for Grants with reference to the aims, objectives and achievements of the department and presented the 126th Report thereon to the House on the 18th August, 2004. The report contains eighteen recommendations, some of which are advisory in nature. Other recommendations mainly relate to:

- technology transfers to industry and raise funds from industry by wider dissemination of technologies;

*Statement was laid on the Table and also placed in Library. See No. LT 2236/05).

- remain vigilant to safeguard age old indisputable rights over traditional knowledge;
- conduct research & development of fuels from waste matter and other non-bio-degradable substances;
- work on aeroallergens and human health, environmental friendly biodegradable plastics, waste water management; and
- popularize Science.

All the eighteen recommendations of the committee have been considered in the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research. The Department has furnished a detailed Action Taken Report on these recommendations to the Committee in November 2004, on which further comments were made. The current status on the action taken is detailed in the appended Annexure.
