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Title : Statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations in 142nd report of Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forest on Demands for Grants (2005-06) pertaining to Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): I beg to lay the 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 forty second report of Department Related Parliamentary 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 2005-06. The Committee reviewed the progress made by DSIR during the reporting period and considered the Demands for Grants (2005-06) in detail.

The Committee, while reviewing the working and considering the detailed Demands for Grants of DSIR, analysed the Demands for Grants with reference to the aims, objectives and achievements of the Department and presented the 142nd Report thereon to the House on the 25th April, 2005. The report contains eighteen recommendations, some of which are advisory in nature. Other recommendations mainly relate to:

- dissemination of technologies for the benefit of the common man;
- need to improve the opportunities for well-trained scientists and young talents to pursue innovative research, to educate the next generation to apply science in areas of importance for the health, prosperity and security of nation;

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safeguarding traditional knowledge;

- early commercialisation of biofuel from jatropha curcas to the benefit of the farmers & consumers both;
- to carry out R&D activities in the area of earth's dynamo action and geoneutrino picture of earth's interior for its better comprehension.

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 August, 2005. Further comments were made by the Committee. Department has responded to these comments through the revised Action Taken Note which was submitted in November, 2005. The Committee has made certain comments contained in its one hundred fifty first Report. Department has responded to these comments through the revised Action Taken Note. The current status on the action taken is detailed in the Annexure which has been laid on the table of the House.