

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No such event was organized at Vishveshvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur in January, 2007.

(b) and (c) The Government does encourage research and development activities in the field of "Advanced Micro applications of laser welding" in research institutions. However, few of these activities may result in upgradation of existing technologies through the process of assimilation/adaptation.

Projects for Gujarat State Bio-Technology Mission

3456. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects submitted by the Gujarat State Bio-technology Mission (GSBTM) to Government during the last three years;

(b) the number of projects which have been cleared;

(c) the number of projects rejected along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of projects which are presently under consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (d) Total 14 projects were received from GSBTM during the last three years. Out of the 14 projects, two have been sanctioned by Department of Biotechnology, 9 projects got rejected on merit/late submission. 3 projects are still under consideration. Details of the projects are given in the enclosed Statement.

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Statement

List of Projects received from GSBTM during last 3 years

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Status	Reason
1	2	3	4
1.	Center of Excellence in Nanobiotechnology submitted by Kenin Nutritional Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.	Not Considered by Deptt.	Received after the last date for receipt of the proposals
2.	Center of Excellence in Environmental Biotechnology Submitted by S.P. Univ. Vallabh Vidyanagar	Not on Merit	Not found suitable for DBT funding by External Peer Review Committee
3.	National Institute of Marine Biotechnology submitted by M/s. Cadilla Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	Not considered by Deptt.	Received after the last date for receipt of the proposals
4.	Centre of Excellence in Marine Biotechnology submitted by CSMCRI, Bhavnagar	Rejected (On merit)	Not found suitable for DBT funding by External Peer Review Committee
5.	Establishment of Marine Biotech Incubator in Marine Biotech Park in Gujarat	Under consideration	Received on 09.4.2007
6.	Multi-institutional Teachers Training Program in Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics submitted by GSBTM	Rejected	Rejected Not found suitable for DBT funding by External Peer Review Committee
7.	IPR issues in Biotechnology Submitted by National Law Univ. Gandhi Nagar	Rejected	Not found suitable for DBT funding by External Peer Review Committee
8.	Diploma in Clinical trials Submitted by L.M. College of Pharmacy	Rejected	Not found suitable for DBT funding by External Peer Review Committee
9.	Vacation Training Programme on Bioresources for School children	Approved Rs. 5.07 lakhs (4 weeks)	The programme was successfully completed in 2005
10.	Vacation Training Programme on Bioresources for School children	Approved Rs. 5.86 lakhs (4 weeks)	The programme was successfully completed in 2006

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11.	Diploma in Clinical Trials Submitted by B.J. Medical College	Under Consideration	—
12.	HLA Registry facility and Under Cord blood bank facility	Under consideration	—
13.	Biodiversity, Bioprospecting, Biofueling and Bioremediation- towards an understanding of coral and Microbial symbiosis	Rejected	Not found suitable under Indo Australian bilateral collaboration by External Peer Review Committee
14.	The Virtual Institute of Bioinformatics Submitted by GSBTM	Rejected	Because Deptt. Supports mainly Universities & Colleges to promote Biology Teaching through Bioinformatics

National Mission on Nano-Science and Nano-Technology

3457. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started National Mission on Nano-Science and Nano-Technology in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to establish CSIR laboratories in the field of Nano Technology in the country particularly in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the launch of a Nano Science and Technology Mission (Nano Mission) to further intensify its efforts to promote the emerging area of Nano Science and Technology. The Mission will have the following components: (i) Basic Research; (ii) Human Resource Development and Education; (iii) Nano Centres of excellence; (iv) Public-Private Partnerships and (v) International R&D collaboration.

(c) No, Sir.