

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12.	Environmental Biotechnology	34.31	88.96	29.12	59.96	64.02	276.37
13.	Bio-resource and Energy Biosciences	15.64	80.81	10.93	10.93	6.30	124.61
14.	Centre of Excellence/ Programme Support in Biotechnology	34.31	20.67	50.58	50.43	57.74	213.73
15.	International cooperation	4.49	3.39	0.00	161.99	252.39	422.26
16.	Aquaculture and Marine Biotechnology	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.37	59.27	118.64
17.	DBT-Builder Programme	642.88	469.43	117.05	120.61	70.60	1420.57
18.	Human Resource Development (Post Graduate Teaching Programme and Star College Scheme)	45.46	85.44	95.86	12.40	103.11	342.27
TOTAL		1619.66	3378.77	2469.28	2341.26	1412.17	11221.14

Formal head of CSIR

2505. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's scientific agency, the CSIR has been functioning without a formal head for more than a year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the absence of a permanent head for so long has affected the functioning of the organization, which is the premier scientific body; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to fill up this vacancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY): (a) Yes, Sir. The post of Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is vacant since 01.01.2014. However, the charge arrangement for the post has been continuing since 1st January, 2014.

(b) To some extent, particularly where the rules provide for DG, CSIR and Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research as *ex-officio* member in

various Search-cum-Selection Committees viz. absorption Committee for Directors, Search-cum-Selection Committees for Outstanding Scientist/Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Scientist (Scientist and Technologist of Indian Origin) etc.

(c) The position has been advertised and the process of selection is currently on.

Funds for NSDC

2506. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN:

SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fund has been allotted by Government to National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) during the last five years for the skill development programmes;

(b) if so, the amount of fund that has been utilized by NSDC so far, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government and NSDC to promote skill development in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) The Government has been releasing funds to National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under skilling, STAR scheme and UDAAN scheme for skill development. Funds released to NSDC and their utilization by NSDC are given in the Statement (*See below*). NSDC facilitates skill development by providing funding to enterprises, companies and organizations that provide skill training. It also develops appropriate models to enhance, support and coordinate private sector initiatives.