

PARLIAMENT QUESTION: Set-up Biotechnology Incubators

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The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, through the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a not-for-profit, Section 8 Public Sector Enterprise has established 94 biotechnology incubation and pre-incubation centres across 25 States & Union Territories (UTs) under the BioNEST (Bioincubators Nurturing Entrepreneurship for Scaling Technologies) and E-YUVA (Encouraging Youth for Undertaking Innovative Research Activities) schemes.

Five Incubators have been supported by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology which has biotechnology and related sectors as one of their focus areas.

The details of the number of biotechnology incubators set-up are as follows:

Sl. No	State/UT	No of incubation
BIRAC		
1.	Andhra Pradesh (Visakhapatnam)	2
2.	Andhra Pradesh (Tirupati)	1
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4.	Assam	4
5.	Bihar	1
6.	Delhi	7
7.	Goa	1
8.	Gujarat	6
9.	Haryana	1
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	4
12.	Karnataka	11
13.	Kerala	3
14.	Maharashtra	5
15.	Madhya Pradesh	2
16.	Meghalaya	3
17.	Mizoram	1
18.	Odisha	3
19.	Punjab	4
20.	Rajasthan	3
21.	Tamil Nadu	13
22.	Telangana	9

23.	Uttar Pradesh	5
24.	West Bengal	1
25.	Uttarakhand	1
DST		
26.	Karnataka	1
27.	Punjab	1
28.	Madhya Pradesh	1
29.	Kerala	1
30.	Telangana	1

To establish new biotechnology incubators BIRAC announces nation-wide call for proposals every year. Every year around 20-30 crores are earmarked for setting up of 10-15 new incubators.

The total funds allocated for the operation, development, and management of these bio-incubators amount to Rs. 48,942.37 Lakhs over the last 13 years (from 2012-2025).

This information was given by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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