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To,

Sri S.C. Mondal
Under Secretary, M.II
Ministry of Culture,
Shastri Bhavan
New Delhi – 110 001

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred question no. U-2671 for 10.08.2021 regarding Development of Science Cities

Ref: Your e-mail dated 28.07.2021

Sir,

With reference to above, I am directed to furnish below materials for framing of appropriate reply to question diary no. U-2671 for 10.08.2021 regarding Development of Science Cities in the country raised by Shri Parimal Nathwani: -

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(a)	Whether there is any proposal to develop "Science Cities" in various parts of the country?	<p>National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, has developed a chain of science museums and science centres throughout the Country including Science Cities. The following Science Cities have been set up by NCSM:-</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Sl no</th><th>Names of the Science Cities functioning under NCSM</th><th>State-wise location</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>01</td><td>Science City, Kolkata</td><td>West Bengal</td></tr><tr><td>02</td><td>Regional Science City, Lucknow</td><td>Uttar Pradesh</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The proposal for setting up of Science Cities are received by NCSM from state governments desirous to have Science City through Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. Such proposals are considered by MoC subject to fulfilment of SPoCS guidelines including the demand survey and financial viability report, the existing science centre activity in that particular state and commitment of the support/initiative of the state/UT governments desirous of having Science City in their states.</p> <p>Following Science City projects have been approved by Ministry of Culture under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) of Govt. of India:-</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Sl no</th><th>Names of the Science Cities functioning under NCSM</th><th>State-wise location</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>01</td><td>Science City, Guwahati</td><td>Assam</td></tr><tr><td>02</td><td>Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Science City, Patna</td><td>Bihar [The project is being implemented by Govt. of Bihar]</td></tr><tr><td>03</td><td>Science City, Dehradun</td><td>Uttarakhand</td></tr></tbody></table>	Sl no	Names of the Science Cities functioning under NCSM	State-wise location	01	Science City, Kolkata	West Bengal	02	Regional Science City, Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	Sl no	Names of the Science Cities functioning under NCSM	State-wise location	01	Science City, Guwahati	Assam	02	Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Science City, Patna	Bihar [The project is being implemented by Govt. of Bihar]	03	Science City, Dehradun	Uttarakhand
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(b)	If so, the details thereof, State-wise and;	Replied at (a) above.
(c)	The steps taken/being taken by Government to set up Science Cities/Parks in the country?	Setting up of a Science Park is not a separate scheme of Ministry of Culture. However, NCSM sets up science centres/science cities throughout the country under the SPoCS scheme and Science Park is an integral part of facilities. Science Parks are made with an objective of providing hands on non -coercive open environment to learn science in an informal mode through play and participation.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
 -Sd/-
 (Saibal Bose)
Dy. Controller of Administration