



Department of Science and Technology
(Policy Research Cell)

Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Initiation of a Policy Research Centre

Deadline for the submission of proposals: 15 July 2013

One of the functions defined in the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961 for the Department of Science and Technology (DST) is to develop and deliver public policy support for the promotion of research and development in the country. Global experience has shown that policy drivers influence the national capacities to gain competitiveness in the Science, Technology and Innovation sector. Policy research for a developmental sector like science and technology is becoming a national need. During the preparation of the 12th Five Year Plan of the Department, a need was felt to strengthen the Policy Research Mechanism within DST to provide evidence based planning approaches for the S&T sector.

In furtherance to the above objectives, it was decided to set up 4–5 Policy Research Centres during the 12th Plan period in the country. Proposals are invited from public-funded academic institutions engaged in education and research for setting-up Policy Research Centres (PRC) in their campuses.

A dedicated PRC is expected to undertake the following activities:

- ❖ Preparation of inter-country comparison reports of Indian Science Sector vis-a-vis other selected countries.
- ❖ Global benchmarking study reports of Indian Science, Technology and Innovation sector.
- ❖ Development of STI indicators for India.
- ❖ Development of new county specific model for promotion of PPP for R&D.
- ❖ Commit a finite number of full time Equivalent R&D professionals for policy research for science sector.
- ❖ Undertake Science policy research and provide periodical (quarterly/half yearly) reports.
- ❖ Identify areas of policy gaps for stimulation of private sector investment in R&D and suggest changes in policy environment.
- ❖ Adopt evidence based approaches for identifying and promoting areas for generation of intellectual properties.

DST proposes to invest approximately Rs 2 crores/year/center. The Centre is expected to serve as a knowledge partner of DST in the development of (a) Human capacity for science policy research, (b) Policy papers for wider study among the stake holders and (c) Enabling tools for the implementation mechanism for STI policy 2013.

EOI should broadly outline (a) The number of Full Time Equivalents of R&D professionals being continued by the Institution. (b) Name and profile of Coordinators/leaders. (c) Themes and aspects of policy research being proposed. (d) Background of the Institution and evidence of past performance in the area of Science Policy research. (e) Proposed methodology. (f) Availability of facilities needed. (g) Proposals for periodical reporting and monitoring system and (h) Any other supporting documents highlighting the current strength of the institution in the areas of policy research.

The proposals (ten hard with a soft copy) should reach the Department by 15 July 2013 at the following address: **The Head**, Policy Research Cell, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016.
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