



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: 10 January 2014

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is mandated to develop and deliver public policy support for the promotion of research and development in the country. Global experience has shown that Science, Technology and Innovation policy drivers influence the competitiveness of Nation states in developmental sectors. In the preparation of the 12th Five Year Plan of the Department, decisions have been made to strengthen the Policy Research Mechanisms in the Department and the country in building evidence based planning approaches for the S&T sector.

In furtherance to the above objectives, it was decided to set up Policy Research Centres (PRC) during the 12th Plan period across the country. Proposals are invited from public academic/research institutions engaged in science policy space on various issues and subjects as mentioned in STI Policy-2013.

The 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.
- Understand the change in the Science, Technology and Innovation ecosystem including promoting mechanisms to support innovation incubators, STI driven entrepreneurship with viable and highly scalable models, etc.

The Centre is expected to serve as a knowledge partner of DST in the development of enabling tools for the implementation mechanism for STI policy 2013.

The proposal should broadly outline (a) The number of professionals currently engaged in policy research, (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 (10 hard with a soft copy) should reach the Department by **10 January 2014** at the following address: **Dr Neeraj Sharma**, Adviser and Head, Policy Research Cell, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016, Tel.: 011-2659 0223, Telfax: 011-2696 4781.

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