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Regional Centre of Institute of Bio Resource and sustainable development to be set up in Sikkim

Mr. Bhim Dhungel, Minister for Science & Technology, Forest & Environment and Tourism, Government of Sikkim, met Mr. Prithvi Raj Chauhan, Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences in Delhi on November 28 during a general body meeting of the Institute of Bio Resources & Sustainable Development. During the meeting it was formally announced that a Regional Centre of Institute of Bio Resources & Sustainable Development will soon be set up in Sikkim during current financially year itself near Sikkim Science Centre, Marchak. The

total funds to the tune of nearly Rs. 10 crores will be provided by the Department of Bio-Technology, Government of India, for setting of this centre in a phased manner during next five years. This centre will help in use of Bio-Technology for Development of various Bio Resources of Sikkim. The Centre will carry out applied research and extension of various technologies in the field of Bio Fertilizer, Bio Pesticides and Tissue culture Technology. The Union Minister of Science & Technology & Earth Sciences, Government of India, has said that the proposed centre should cater the needs for improving livelihood condition of the local people by transferring

appropriate Technologies. Mr. Bhim Dhungel informed the Union Minister about the richness of bio-diversity of Sikkim and assured him that State Government will provide all possible help in setting up of the proposed Regional Centre. He has also informed that to start with, temporarily existing quarters near Sikkim Science Centre will be provided for setting of this Regional Centre. He has also invited Union Minister for visit to Sikkim in near future.

Mr. M. L. Arrawatia, Secretary, Science & Technology and Climate Change, Government of Sikkim, accompanied Mr. Bhim Dhungel during the meeting