

B. THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The objectives of the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment are:

1. To promote and encourage the development of Science and Technology and to raise the quality of life of the people.
2. To undertake research, planning and formulation of policies and to ensure that the widespread use of Science and Technology for the well-being of the people does not result in negative effects.
3. To ensure that material progress through Science and Technology does not result in pollution which may lower the quality of life of the people or destroy flora and fauna.
4. To ensure that there is a balance between development and material progress through Science and Technology and the spiritual development of each individual.

The Ministry is responsible for the formulation of policies, planning, coordination and implementation of programmes and activities in Science and Technology; to create an integrated approach between the various functions of the Ministry so as to ensure that the expansion and development of Science is in line with the needs of the country; and to provide more effective development programmes so as to achieve the aims of the New Economic Policy.

In order to achieve its objectives, the Ministry carries out the following activities:

1. To promote, coordinate and carry out scientific and industrial technology research.
2. To advise the government on policies pertaining to research and development of Science and Technology.
3. To advise the government on matters pertaining to nuclear science.
4. To foster cooperation and promote coordination with foreign countries and institutions in the field of Science and Technology.