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The department of biotechnology (DBT) had brought out a 'National Biotechnology Development Strategy' in 2007 which was a guiding framework for the activities and programmes taken up during the Eleventh plan period. The strategy sought to address a number of challenges in terms of R&D; creation of investment capital; technology transfer, absorption and diffusion; intellectual property regime; regulation standards and accreditation; tailor-made human capital for science and innovation and public understanding of biotechnology. As per the DBT, it has accomplished or initiated actions for most of the targets in the strategy.

The implementation of Biotech Strategy 2007 has provided an insight into what works and what does not in the national context. Consultations for the Biotech Strategy-II were held in May, 2011.

Over 200 Experts and Scientists participated in each sectoral area and the recommendations are based on the discussions of the sectoral group. Based on these recommendations, the draft of the National Biotechnology Development Strategy document was prepared and can be seen at the link given on the DBT website. The last date to put across any comments has been kept at March 10, 2014.Â