

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether social scientists from India and abroad met in January, 2001 to help and formulate a National Policy of Social Science;
- (b) if so, the total number of social scientists from India and abroad participated in the meeting;
- (c) the main subjects discussed and decision reached at in this regard; and
- (d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the said decision?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b) According to information supplied by ICSSR, a two days Workshop on Vision 2020 in Social Sciences was held on 8th and 9th January, 2001. Around 100 social scientists from India participated in the Workshop. Only one social scientist from abroad participated in the Workshop.

(c) & (d) Following subjects were discussed in the Workshop:-

- (i) Vision 2020 in Social Sciences
- (ii) Vision 2020: Gender issues in the Social Sciences.
- (iii) Convergence, Communication and Unity between Social Sciences and Natural Sciences
- (iv) Social Science and Contemporary Conflicts.
- (v) Application of Information Technology to Social Sciences.

The outcome of the Workshop's deliberations are awaited.