

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken/proposed to be taken any scheme for the development and application of science and technology during the last three years, till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any study in rural areas in this regard;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has undertaken various new initiatives / schemes for the development and application of science and technology. Some of the important schemes undertaken during the last three years are : Fund for improvement of Infrastructure in Universities and higher educational institutions, Kishore Vaigyanik Prothsahan Yojana (KVPY) to encourage students to take up research as a career, Swarnjayanti fellowships for basic research, Projects under Technology Vision 2020, Jai Vigyan Missions, Fund for Technology Department, Patent Facilitating Mechanism, Technopreneur Promotion Programme and National Accreditation for Testing and Calibration of Laboratories. Further to promote application of science & technology in rural areas, a number of field investigations has been undertaken in specific sectors like horticulture, leather tanning, potter, low cost housing etc. Schemes / coordination programmes have been formulated for the development and benefit of the weaker sections of the society and the rural areas through application of science and technology.